

Mr. BRESNAHAN. My comment went to technological developments of the vehicle relative to the weight and size problem.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I understand. But you improved the performance of the industry since that time?

Mr. BRESNAHAN. We have made a great many improvements.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. You have become probably the most efficient engine operators of all industry, from the studies that I have seen and for this I commend.

Now, how much of your trucking industry, how many trucks—you have had a tremendous increase since we have had the Interstate System. Is that not true, and a number of trucks?

Mr. BRESNAHAN. In the Interstate System?

Mr. SCHWENGEL. In America. In total number.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. In total number it has increased significantly over the years; yes sir.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. How many trucks are there in America today?

Mr. BRESNAHAN. About 14 million of all types and descriptions, including the small panel trucks.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Now, what number of trucks you anticipate would take advantage of the increases that you are asking for here, in both width and length, and weight, percentagewise or total?

Mr. BRESNAHAN. I might as well have Mr. Kiley tell you directly.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. All right.

Mr. KILEY. I believe you. First, 15 million trucks today is the total, 15 million.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. That is a substantial increase over what we had when we were just debating this Interstate System, is it not?

Mr. KILEY. But this increase has been in line with the general increase in vehicle registration, highway use by everybody. I do not know that there is any direct acceleration in growth. This is a normal increase. It has always been pretty well in line with the growth of our economy in general.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I have had a very prominent person tell me it would not have been increased nearly as much if we had not had the Interstate System. That was his feeling. It may be wrong.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. May I elaborate on that point a little bit?

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Yes.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. There may be individual truck operators where this is true, but I would like to point this out to the committee, the Interstate System is still a long way from completion, and I would like also to point out that there is a case pending at the Interstate Commerce Commission at this late date to determine how and to what extent trucking companies regulated by that body may leave the roads over which they were authorized to operate in their original certificates and operate on the Interstate System. So because the system has been nowhere completed and because from a legal standpoint, the Commission has not resolved some of these problems—

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Chairman—point of order—the House is in session.

Mr. HOWARD. Point of order. The House is in session.

The committee will hereby adjourn, I understand, until the call of the Chair. I understand permission will be sought to meet this afternoon. Announcement will be made later.