

Mr. ROBERTS. We have a quorum call. The committee will be recessed for 15 minutes.

(Short Recess)

Mr. ROBERTS. The subcommittee will come to order. The gentlemen from Dallas, the witnesses.

It is my distinct pleasure to present my longtime friend and colleague and hunting partner, the former mayor of Dallas and now our distinguished colleague, Earl Cabell.

STATEMENT OF HON. EARL CABELL, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACCOMPANIED BY MAYOR ERIK JONSSON, OF DALLAS, TEX.; AND VINCENT PONTE AND WARREN TRAVERS OF PONTE & TRAVERS, PLANNING ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

Mr. CABELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for that introduction.

Can I borrow you when the campaign starts this fall?

Mr. ROBERTS. Yes, sir.

Mr. CABELL. I do appreciate this opportunity of making this presentation to you and Mr. Blatnik and Mr. Clausen.

I recognize that time is of the essence, and I appreciate the fact that you have worked up into what has been a very long, drawnout hearing on a very complicated subject.

The Highway Act of 1968 embodies some new concepts, new innovative concepts with reference primarily, and that is our interest here today, dealing with the traffic problems brought about by our highway systems in our core areas of our metropolitan cities.

And in order to support their premises on this core area traffic handling, we wanted you to know what our own area has been doing on their own in long-range projections and planning on this very subject which is of vital importance to our metropolitan areas.

I will not belabor the committee with the details on this, because there are technicians and others much more close to it than I, and I would like at this time to introduce the mayor of the city of Dallas, the Honorable Erik Jonsson, who will in turn introduce those others, for the presentation to you of what has been done by a city on its own in this area of long-range planning and innovative concepts of saving our downtown areas, because of our present congested traffic situation.

So, without further ado, I will present to you at this time the Honorable Erik Jonsson, mayor of the city of Dallas.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Mayor, we are very delighted to have you.

Mr. JONSSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the panel, and ladies:

I am distinctly an amateur in politics and have been in the job that was the cornerstone for Representative Cabell as a jumping-off place to higher things.

In the somewhat more than 4 years which I have been in this work, I have drawn certain conclusions about the problems of cities, Dallas having grown to considerable size in the last few years. In fact, we have added about 100,000 people, nearing now 900,000.