

question of the high road standards with higher than necessary per mile costs?

Is there anything that you can suggest that the committee do to relieve you from this dilemma?

Mr. MARSHALL. Well, at this point, as a result of our discussions last Thursday and Friday in Colorado Springs, we are moving into this regional giant Forest Service-Industry Committee review of this.

I am sure this will bear some fruit.

Mr. CRAMER. In other words, you feel from this will come forth some recommendations that we might give consideration to in the future?

Mr. MARSHALL. I am sure it will be helpful but on our suggestion that your committee and the Senate committee, too, acquaint yourselves again with the field activity in this respect. There are lots of urgencies and there are areas that need access and are not getting access.

There are areas where the timber harvesting business is very marginal now because of several things but because of supplementation and the appropriated money, you know, to help finance the access.

I think between the regional, the local—regional committees and what you might learn from another review of how things are going in the field, I think this could be very helpful.

Mr. CLAUSEN. As you know, we are very fortunate to have as the chairman of our subcommittee Mr. Kluczynski, of Illinois, because he, as you know, is the one that responded to our request to go out into the West and review some of the practices and some of the new building programs, actually, on the spot.

I have said this before, but I tend to label him as the "champion of the roads program," and all of us, I am sure, would agree that we are equally grateful to him.

I can tell you this much—that many of us on the committee are equally as disturbed over the fact that the recommended authorization for the administration was, I believe, \$125 million, when in actuality this committee previously had established the authorization level at \$170 million, which was the amount required to maintain the 10-year program established back in, I believe, 1962, under President Kennedy. And so I, for one, will certainly do everything that I can to move this authorization back to \$170 million.

In fact, I am offering an amendment unless the chairman beats me to it.

Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you. Very well said.

Are there any comments or suggestions?

Gentlemen, it has been a pleasure to have you before this committee. You made an excellent presentation before us. I want to say to you that what you have said will be very helpful. As you know, the gentleman from California, Mr. Clausen, has been with me on my trips several times, and I know your problems.

I am sure that your statement, your testimony, will be very helpful to us.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Chairman, perhaps you don't remember me, but I remember you. I met you out in San Francisco in Lake Tahoe through the woods and we would like to see you back.