

It occurs to me that it would pose no problem on the Interstate System if it is constructed to proper standards with two or three lanes going in one direction. That would be the only place I would like to see this kind of rig.

Mr. McCARTHY. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. WRIGHT. Yes.

Mr. McCARTHY. This is being run on the Interstate System now. It seems to me to be a violation. I do not know how they do it. It is being run now on the New York State Thruway which is part of the Interstate System and I am just not clear on how they do it. I am going to try to find out.

Mr. WRIGHT. If such a rig is running in violation of existing law, that law would not be affected at all by the legislation we are considering. It is merely a matter of enforcement.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Would the gentleman from Texas yield?

Mr. WRIGHT. Yes.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Gentleman, we in this committee are faced with the basic dilemma of recognizing the tremendous needs to complete the interstate with the primary and secondary road systems and end up with enough money.

How, in your judgment, keeping in mind the basic business practices, should these improvements be financed? Everyone seems to recognize there is a need, and that is true.

Mr. WEBB. The position of our industry has simply been that we are willing to pay our fair share of what the cost is and we know it is going to be higher.

Mr. CLAUSEN. So, in your judgment when Government starts to lay out its budget priorities you agree with some of us that the road improvements of this country are one of the areas that we should give top priority to?

Mr. WEBB. That is correct.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And you are willing to pay more as long as it is consistent with a fair share concept?

Mr. WEBB. That is correct.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, I want to thank you gentlemen for the splendid statement you have made and your testimony. You have been very helpful to us.

Thank you, again.

Mr. WEBB. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GREENSLIT. Thank you, sir.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The next witness will be Mr. George F. Kachlein, Jr., executive vice president, the American Automobile Association.

We are glad to have you with us, gentlemen. Please identify the person accompanying you for the record.

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Mr. KACHLEIN. I am accompanied by Mr. Charles Brady who is director of our highway department, Mr. Chairman, and he will sit with me. He is the expert in this field.