

we find that it is not proper use, we take means to gradually reduce the use without injuring appreciably the people who have been using it.

Mr. CRAMER. The grandfather clause that we have in the bill presently, I have asked some of the witnesses if they would not agree to limit or to eliminate, in effect, that grandfather clause, bringing it up to date, as it relates to the Interstate System. And of course that is all we are talking about in this legislation. That would be considerable improvement, would it not?

Mr. KACHLEIN. That would be improvement, sir, yes.

Mr. CRAMER. And it appears there seems to be pretty much agreement on doing that.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. Yes?

Mr. BRADY. You hit the real problem yesterday in referring to this grandfather clause—

Mr. CRAMER. Yes.

Mr. BRADY. Concerning the States which have, subsequent to 1956, passed enabling legislation permitting heavier sizes and weights off interstate roads than currently permitted on interstate roads.

This is a ridiculous situation when the interstate is supposed to be built to the highest design standards. This emphasizes the importance of setting the standards on the interstate as well as other highways. We just have to reach a point where we design for a specific vehicle. Whether we are designing on interstate or other highways, we have to design for a specific type of vehicle, and not permit a restriction on one class or system of highways to lead States to permit heavier vehicles on another class of highways, then come before the Congress and say, "We are being treated unfairly, we have got to get this restriction removed and get the heavier vehicle over on the highest designed highway." We will just be back here a couple of years from now arguing the same case.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, you agree, do you not, however, that limiting the effect of the grandfather clause does not apply to the Interstate System? Bringing both State laws up to date for the grandfather clause purposes from 1956 to 1968 is a considerable improvement in the legislation, would you not say?

Mr. BRADY. We would like to see the grandfather clause eliminated.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand.

Mr. BRADY. There is no justification for it in our view.

Mr. CRAMER. It would have the effect of eliminating from 1956 to 1968, would it not, any increase in States during that period?

Mr. BRADY. Your proposal would.

Mr. CRAMER. So actually we are not making any change in the present law as it relates to that?

Mr. KACHLEIN. Right.

Mr. BRADY. Under your proposal. Under the bill, there is quite a substantial change, yes.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand. Under my proposal, do we make any change as it relates to the grandfather clause?

Mr. BRADY. That is correct.

Mr. CRAMER. That is all I have.

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you.

The gentleman from New York, Mr. McCarthy.