

Mr. McCARTHY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Some of the people from the trucking industry told me that you are the only organization that opposes this, that most of the people involved with the highways are in favor of it.

Do you know of any other organizations, bodies, who have expressed their opposition to this?

Mr. BRADY. If you are asking about the provisions in the present bill—

Mr. McCARTHY. Yes.

Mr. BRADY. The provisions in the bill under consideration here, H.R. 14474 are for 20-36 on the weights. Certainly the Department of Transportation is opposed to this bill. AASHO is opposed to this. The National League of Cities testified in the Senate in opposition to an identical bill, although I do not know if they intend to testify here. And of course we are opposed to it.

If you are considering S. 2658, as passed by the Senate, AASHO has a position which is currently 20,000 single, 32,000 tandem, although I understand they indicated in hearings here that they could live with 34,000.

We are opposed to this.

I do not know how the National League of Cities stands on this S. 2658 as amended.

Mr. McCARTHY. Have any other municipalities taken a position?

Mr. BRADY. It is our understanding the city of Chicago has passed a resolution opposing the Senate-passed bill, S. 2658.

Mr. McCARTHY. Do you have a copy?

Mr. BRADY. I have the Chicago one, yes.

Mr. McCARTHY. I wonder if we could have that for the record, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. ROBERTS. Without objection, it will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The resolution follows:)

RESOLUTION

Whereas the city of Chicago has received national recognition during the years past as the safest of all large cities in the United States; and

Whereas the city of Chicago is constantly and continuously, through the Bureau of Street Traffic and the Chicago Police Department, exploring ways to improve upon this outstanding record; and

Whereas there is now proposed legislation pending in the Senate of the United States to permit heavier and wider trucks and buses on the Interstate Highway System; and

Whereas a recent study of trucks subject to regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission showed that their mileage death rate was more than twice that of all motor vehicles; and

Whereas the American Automobile Association has stated that this bill would open the door "to increased discomfort and hazard to the vast majority of the motoring population to confer special favors on a small minority"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the city of Chicago, ever mindful of highway safety, does hereby unanimously urge the Congress of the United States to defeat any legislation to permit heavier and wider trucks and buses on the Interstate Highway System; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to representatives from the State of Illinois in the Congress of the United States.

Adopted Friday, May 17, 1968.