

In addition to the need of financing the above described items, there is an outstanding need for accelerated completion of the Forest Highway System. At the current rate of road construction, it will take 25 to 30 years to complete the Forest Development Transportation System. This system is the backbone for the development and use of the National Forest.

For the above reasons, I urge that you maintain the authorization for Forest Development Roads and Trails for F.Y. 1970 and 1971 at the \$170,000,000 level.

ARNOLD D. EWING,
Executive Vice President.

STATEMENT OF HON. W. L. DICKINSON, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a brief statement in support of completion of the proposed route of a four lane highway from Pensacola, Florida to connect with Interstate Route I-65 in Alabama.

I am familiar with the fact that there are divergent views on the project, as to routing, so I merely want to stand in support of the completion of the project as it is a needed connection between two states.

There is considerable traffic in this area which is a highly desirable recreation situation for tourists in and out of the states involved.

Also, Mr. Chairman, the completion of such a connection would greatly enhance Alabama's industry potential. I appreciate the opportunity to submit a statement in support of this worthy project and I thank the chairman and members of this subcommittee for any help they may be able to render.

(Whereupon, at 12:18 p.m., the hearing was concluded.)

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