

Senator FANNIN. Are you familiar with the mine safety regulations, statutes, that were adopted last year?

Mr. O'LEARY. I am not familiar with the recent history of that, inasmuch as I left the Department before that became operative. But I am familiar quite thoroughly with mine safety regulations and statutes that applied prior to my departure from the Department.

Senator FANNIN. Why I ask is because the legislation that was passed most recently did entail completely encompassing of safety not only directly with the mines but even bar pits and with the facilities that are involved in road construction. I was wondering about your opinion or if you have given any thought to the best handling of mine safety or of this task; in other words, whether or not we should not hold to just mine safety and not get off into other avenues such as would be involved in the Bureau of Public Roads activities.

Mr. O'LEARY. Senator Fannin, I simply cannot respond to that at this point. I am unacquainted with the terms of the new legislation and have not had the opportunity to acquaint myself with the problems that are involved in the question that you ask.

Senator FANNIN. I understand that there is quite a problem as far as implementation of this legislation is concerned, implementation of programs that were supposedly going to come forth as a result of this legislation. I think it is quite unrealistic that we can take this overall matter into consideration as far as mine safety is concerned. I hope that you will look into it, because I think it is very serious.

I think we have now assumed an obligation that is not being, I believe, taken care of by the Bureau of Mines, which could properly be taken care of if it were a direct responsibility of the Bureau of Public Roads.

Mr. O'LEARY. I will certainly give very careful attention to that, should I go on to that position, Senator.

Senator ANDERSON. Very frequently we have to ask people what their pension rights are in outside employment. I take it you have been mostly with the Government for a long time. Do you have any pension of any kind?

Mr. O'LEARY. None at all, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. I just want to get the record straight on that. Do you have any questions?

Senator KUCHEL. No questions, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you.

Mr. O'LEARY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. That concludes the questioning of Mr. O'Leary. Without objection, the committee will turn to other matters.

(Whereupon, the committee turned to the consideration of other business.)