

*Friday - July 25, 1975*

COLLOQUY--CLINTON PARKWAY--DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROP.  
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MR. DOLE: MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE DISTINGUISHED  
CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,  
MR. BAYH, AT THIS TIME, WITH REGARD TO THE FUNDING OF ACCESS  
ROADS TO CERTAIN LAKES CONSTRUCTED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS.

I NOTE THAT THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, UPON  
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, HAS INCLUDED A TOTAL  
SUM OF \$10,000,000 IN UNEARMARKED FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
THESE ROADS. THIS IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN THE \$25,000,000  
AUTHORIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE SENATE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
DURING 1974, BUT I AM TOLD THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE  
THE FULL 70% FEDERAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR PRIORITY  
PROJECTS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH FUNDING. IF I THOUGHT THIS  
WERE NOT SO, AND IF I THOUGHT THAT THE PROPOSED CLINTON PARKWAY  
IN KANSAS WAS NOT TO BE AMONG THESE PRIORITY ITEMS, I WOULD NOT  
HESITATE TO ASK THAT \$4.13 MILLION BE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED  
AT THIS TIME FOR THE PROJECT. FOR THAT REASON, I DID WANT TO  
CONFIRM THE INTENTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE BY  
ASKING THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM INDIANA IF CLINTON PARKWAY  
IS INDEED CONSIDERED A PRIMARY PROJECT FOR WHICH THESE FUNDS  
ARE BEING APPROPRIATED.

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MR. BAYH: IN RESPONSE TO THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM KANSAS, I WANT TO GIVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE DOES CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CLINTON PARKWAY PROJECT IN KANSAS TO BE FULLY QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A CONSTRUCTION GRANT FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE GAVE CLOSE AND CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE TESTIMONY OF THE TWO SENATORS FROM KANSAS, AND TO THAT OF THE LAWRENCE AND DOUGLAS COUNTY OFFICIALS WHEN THEY APPEARED BEFORE US ON JUNE 25 TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE NEED FOR FUNDING FOR CLINTON PARKWAY. WE FOUND THAT, ON THE BASIS OF ADVANCED PLANNING ALREADY COMPLETED AND BECAUSE OF LOCAL READINESS TO PROVIDE THE 30% LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS, THE CLINTON PARKWAY PROJECT IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED AT THIS TIME TO RECEIVE THE \$4.13 MILLION REQUESTED FROM THESE APPROPRIATIONS, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ENDORSES THAT GRANT.

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MR. DOLE: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR THAT ASSURANCE. IT HAS BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING ALL ALONG THAT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR THIS ACCESS ROAD IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS, WAS RECOGNIZED BY MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES. AS YOU WILL NO DOUBT RECALL, AT THE TIME THAT THE SENATE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTED THE AUTHORIZATION FOR SECTION 115 OF THE FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY AMENDMENTS OF 1974, IT SPECIFIED THAT:

IT IS THE INTENT AND EXPECTATION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT AMONG THE INITIAL PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION WILL BE THE CLINTON PARKWAY IN KANSAS . . .

IN DECEMBER OF 1974, THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED THIS INTENT IN ITS REPORT TO THE CONGRESS, AND JUST THIS MONTH -- ON JULY 10 -- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED DURING FLOOR DISCUSSION OF THIS APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE THAT THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD ANTICIPATED THAT \$10,000,000 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO INCLUDE THE REQUESTED FUNDS FOR CLINTON PARKWAY. WITH THIS REPEATED EXPRESSION OF CONGRESSIONAL INTENT THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE LEGISLATION, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE CAN BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE MANDATE FOR FUNDING FOR CLINTON PARKWAY IN KANSAS.

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IN CLOSING, I WANT TO REITERATE A QUESTION WHICH I  
PUT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE DURING MY TESTIMONY OF JUNE 25. LET  
ME ASK THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM INDIANA IF A PORTION OF  
THESE APPROPRIATIONS FOR ACCESS ROADS MAY BE USED BY LOCAL  
OFFICIALS FOR PRELIMINARY RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND ACQUISITION IN  
PREPARATION FOR LATER STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION?

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MR. BAYH: SENATOR, I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY OBJECTION BY THE COMMITTEE TO USE OF THESE FUNDS FOR (RIGHT-OF-WAY) ACQUISITION, NOR AM I AWARE OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROHIBITION AGAINST IT. PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND RIGHTS CAN CLEARLY BE CONSIDERED AN INTEGRAL INITIAL STAGE OF ANY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THUS WOULD FALL WITHIN THE STATED PURPOSE OF THIS PROVISION OF THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

MR. DOLE: I THANK THE SENATOR FOR HIS HELPFULNESS IN ANSWERING THESE INQUIRIES.