

People's Column Says Clements Bill Discussion 'Clarified' Issue

To the Editor: The events in the special session of the Legislature at Lansing last week have done much to bring into clear focus the true nature of the Michigan Turnpike Authority...

It was made clear that the issue of competition for the Turnpike Authority is to have an equal west width of approximately 25 miles on each side of the 50-mile turnpike. In the recent special session of the State Legislature a bill was introduced by Rep. Clements...

IN ORDER that the Turnpike become a financial success and pay interest on its bonds, the members of the Michigan Turnpike Authority are desirous that the heavily travelled north and south routes...

THE PURPOSE of this is to give the Turnpike five years after the date of completion of other roads in order that the holders of turnpike bonds be assured the proper return on their tax exempt bonds.

And what of such a road as Southfield whose improvement to at least a 4-lane highway was under way for so long?

Rep. Theodore E. Hughes (R-Berkley) is reported to have told the members of the House Roads and Bridges Committee that he has no desire to direct State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler to delay improvements of free roads in a dramatic corridor from the Ohio line to Bay City...

Rep. Hughes is reported to have said, "If that's the price of a toll road, I am not interested. I think those free highways that are..."

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The Clements Bill proposed to cut out the road competing with the turnpike from the list of highways to be built in the 1955 Highway Act. When the legislation reached the floor of the House...

THE DISCUSSION of the Clements Bill last week on the floor of the House of Representatives in Lansing has shown that the legislators realize the importance of the system of free roads in this state...

We who are opposed to the toll road are not opposed to highway improvement in southeastern Michigan. We want more and better roads. But we do believe that the toll road for Michigan to get better roads is not through toll roads, but through a program of improvement and development of the system of free roads in southeastern Michigan.

WE BELIEVE that State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler can and will build as many highways we need as free ways as he has been directed to do by the State Highway Act of 1954.

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MTA Head Criticizes Road Boss

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According to Higgins, the highway department reprinted and circulated recently, excerpts from a traffic and earnings report by turnpike consultants, published last April.

"The ... map of competing highways is actually a map showing green lines where traffic surveys were made and on which the traffic report was based."

"WHAT Ziegler forgot to include was Exhibit 10, which is also in the report and which ties in with the traffic survey map to show the rate of trips diverted to the turnpike," said Higgins.

"It shows, for instance, only 4.3 per cent of the total diverted trips forecast from the US 27 station, 1.8 per cent from US 23 below Flint, as compared to 22.1 per cent on Telegraph south of Detroit and 22.6 per cent on US 10 south of Pontiac. In other words, Ex-

hibit 10 explains the relative effect of each of these highways on the turnpike's future.

"THE TURNPIKE authority is definitely not opposed to the development of all highways in southeast Michigan, and we have never taken that position."

"Ziegler is on a hot spot and is trying to get off. He wants to be clear of Michigan road building and wants nobody else in the picture," Ziegler has had copies of the report since it was published in April. I wonder why he just discovered this report and decided it meant we opposed his improve-

ments of all north-south highways in southeast Michigan.

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