REPORT OF PROJECT COMMITTEE

RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ROADSIDE CONTROL (ZONING)

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Some of the major problems that the Committee has been studying and discussing are:

- To what extent can it be expected that counties throughout the Country will undertake to provide roadside protection by means of zoning?
- 2. Can county zoning be relied on to provide adequate protection with respect to limiting the locations of places of business, establishing building setbacks and exercising control over the appearance of roadside buildings? Can counties be relied on to maintain protective measures once adopted, i.e., to what extent is county zoning in danger of being broken down as a result of local pressure for amendments or special exceptions?
- 3. Is it practical for the States to undertake roadside zoning directly? What is the likelihood of the adoption of legislation to this end by the various State legislatures?
- 4. Are wide rights-of-way a satisfactory substitute for measures regulating the use of adjacent property? What should be the governing standards as to such widths?
 - 5. To what extent may it be necessary to supplement wide rights-of-way by zoning? By easements? How practical are the latter on any extensive scale?

The Committee intends, during the coming year, to make additional reviews of existing legislature covering right-of-way and highway border protection as it is evident that highway legislation has lagged behind progress in highway construction technique. From this study the Committee plans to make specific recommendations regarding those principles which should be included in existing laws to close the present gap between legislation and construction progress.

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