

MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING
April 8, 1975

Pursuant to bylaws the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in regular session in the conference room of the Ohio Department of Transportation building at 139 East Gay Street in Columbus, Ohio at 11:02 A. M. on April 8, 1975 with key members of the staff; a representative, Harvey A. Harnden, of the Consulting Engineers; a representative, P. Joseph Sesler of the Trustee, the Ohio National Bank; Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte (retired) and Colonel Frank R. Blackstone of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, members of the press and others in attendance. The Chairman said four Members were present. He directed that the minutes should show that O. L. Teagarden, Daniel E. Bricker, Richard D. Jackson and James W. Shocknessy were present.

The Chairman said that the Governor, James A. Rhodes, would attend the meeting. He said he supposed the Governor was coming to prove that he was right when he told a guy who had tried to put the hex upon the Chairman by asking how long the Chairman was going to live and the Governor had said he was going to live until the last Turnpike bond was paid and then some.

The Chairman said he would have been able to attend the meeting on April 1 which would have been the regular meeting date, but it was the very day after the end of the Easter holiday, and statistics that would not have been available then were now available. He said he and the Executive Director, Allan V. Johnson had talked the matter over and the Chairman had asked the Executive Director to check with the other Members to see if it would be all right to postpone the meeting for a week. He said the other Members agreed and therefore the meeting was being held on April 8 instead of April 1.

The Chairman said that five weeks before, when the last meeting was held, he did not know what the future held. He said he had worked as a member of the Board of the Columbus Cancer Clinic for many, many years and as a member of the Board of the Franklin County Unit of the American Cancer Society and had told people over the years how to handle a threat of cancer and what to do if cancer appeared in the family. He said no one ever expects such a thing to happen to oneself and that when he left the meeting five weeks before he only knew that he was to have a physical examination and that he had been preaching for years the need for regular, careful physical examination and that especially people should have them after they got to be 40 or 50 years old. He said he thought he was having a routine physical but on the Friday following the Tuesday meeting, Dr. Robert M. Zollinger had been advised by the radiologist who had done the barium study in the course of his examination that there was something funny looking on the X-ray plate. The Chairman said that Dr. Zollinger had asked whether he wanted to talk to him about it and he had replied, "No, what do I want to

talk to you about? I do whatever you say. I do not second guess you. Anybody who second guesses Dr. Zollinger is nuts. If you had asked my opinion on something I wouldn't like it if you second guessed me. You name it and I'll do it." He said Dr. Zollinger then said, "All right, we'll find out Tuesday morning just what this is." He said he went into the hospital on Sunday and on the following Tuesday morning he was operated upon. He said on Monday morning Dr. Henry G. Cramblett, Dean of the College of Medicine of The Ohio State University, came into his room and said, "Now, Jim, we've left no stone unturned. We are ready to take care of you tomorrow. In the course of taking care of you we are even going to have a pacemaker inserted so that if there is any trouble during the surgery and we need a pacemaker we'll have one in already." The Chairman said he had said, "All right, whatever you guys say."

The Chairman said the night before he was operated on, a lot of people offered prayers for him, from different denominations and religions and he had said, "Let me tell you something, I'm not turning anything down." He said he was glad enough to have the Catholics praying for him, he expected that, but no one should think for a minute that he was going to turn down the Jews or the Presbyterians or the Christian Scientists, if the Christian Scientists wanted to pray for him, even though it might not be part of their belief, no matter who wanted to pray for him he was not going to turn them down. He said he had said the same thing to Dr. Joseph M. Ryan when he told him that the doctors were going to install a pacemaker. He said he was not used to getting up so early in the morning but at 6:45 a. m. Tuesday morning he was wheeled down to the heart laboratory and the hospital staff put in a pacemaker. He said it was a little bit eerie. He said he was lying on the table under a local anesthetic and people were fishing around and saying things like "I haven't hit it yet", and somebody said, "We've got it now, it's in", and somebody else said, "Well, now it's just a matter of positioning." The Chairman said it sounded like a stage direction, and, in a few moments someone said "Well, it's well positioned." The Chairman said he asked "Does that do it?" and someone said "Yup." He said he was taken back upstairs and he was told "We will now take you to surgery," and he was given a drug that knocked him out and he was pushed down the corridor after they gave him the drug. He said he had two tickets for the basketball banquet that night and he had already told Ed (J. Edward) Weaver, Director of Athletics, The Ohio State University, and Fred R. Taylor, Head Basketball Coach, OSU, that he could not go, so he turned the tickets over to someone before he left for surgery. He said the Executive Director was present and that the last thing people heard was the Chairman saying "Don't forget to give those tickets or send those tickets over to Fred Taylor." He said as he was being pushed down the corridor all the lights and power went out in the hospital and that was the end of his consciousness. He said the next thing he knew someone was whispering in his ear "Mr. Shocknessy, your surgery is over and you are back in your room." He said that was eight hours later.

The Chairman said he was glad to have a few moments before the Governor came in to tell everyone present what he thought about people who had threats of cancer. He said cancer was no longer a nasty word; the wife of the President of the United States had recently been treated for cancer, and the wife of the Vice President also had been treated for cancer. He said the great and glorious Beverly Sills, who had made her debut at the Metropolitan on the night of April 7, had had a bout with cancer only a few months earlier and he was going to have it on her. He said her husband, Peter B. Greenough, was an old friend from Cleveland. He said Mr. Greenough's mother was a Holden, and the daughter of Liberty E. Holden, who founded the Plain Dealer and that Thomas V. H. Vail's (present Editor and Publisher of the Plain Dealer) grandmother and Peter Greenough's mother were sisters. The Chairman said he was going to have it on Beverly Sills because she was operated on the 24th of October and sang in opera on the 20th of November. The Chairman said he was operated on the 11th of March and he was in the meeting singing his song on the 8th of April. He said perhaps he and Beverly Sills were neck and neck on going back to their jobs after the conclusion of cancer surgery. He said he felt confident of the result that he had had and there was nothing he would have done otherwise. He said he had only the greatest admiration for Dr. Zollinger who was without question one of the greatest surgeons in the world. He said Dr. Zollinger had been president of the International College of Surgeons and was a very, very great man and that University Hospital and The Ohio State University College of Medicine were great institutions. He said he had served on the board of that University for a number of years and now he was a beneficiary of the years of his service at the University and of the great men and women who were at University Hospital. He said Dr. Cramblett was a very competent administrator and a scientist and that the cardiologist who handled his pacemaker, Dr. Ryan, was great. He said he did not know Dr. Larry C. Carey who was the new chairman of the Department of Surgery at the College of Medicine, succeeding Dr. Zollinger. He said Dr. Carey was a young man and someone that everyone in the room should look toward for the future. He said everyone in the room could be consoled by the fact that there were some great scientists, great benefactors of mankind at University Hospital. He said he told Governor Rhodes and the President of The Ohio State University that everyone was entitled to be proud of not only The Ohio State University and its football team but of the team at University Hospital.

Mr. Teagarden said that after listening to that, he wanted to welcome the Chairman into the club. The Chairman asked if Mr. Teagarden had had a cancer operation. Mr. Teagarden said he had had one four years before. The Chairman said he was making no secret of his operation. He said he thought it was better for people to know that cancer was not a dirty word. He said he was paraphrasing Governor Rhodes who said profit was not a dirty word and cancer was not a dirty word because people could survive it. He said there were people like Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Rockefeller and

Beverly Sills, all three of whom he had mentioned, who were gallant women who had gone through the valley of the shadow with cancer the same as he did. He said his own mother had a cancer at about the same age and in almost the same place, which was interesting. He said she survived an operation at University Hospital and she lived 22 years after the operation, so that gave him further confidence as he did not really need the whole 22 years in order to get the Turnpike bonds paid, but he would be glad to have them. He said his mother lived to be 91 after having had the same operation at practically the same age. He said he was filibustering and that he did not want to take Colonel Chiaramonte's time but he really did not want to start the meeting until the Governor arrived. Col. Chiaramonte said he was retired and had plenty of time.

The Chairman said he wanted the Governor to take a good look at him because it was important for the Governor to see that the Chairman was not only on his feet but it was not unlikely that he would be pursuing the same course of conduct for a while that he had pursued for the last 40 or 45 years in public service. (At this point one of the men present left.) The Chairman said the man must have heard what the Chairman had to say and left. He said he hoped the man who left was not the same one who asked the Governor how long the Chairman was going to live. He said the coincidence of the man getting up and going out right after he said he had hoped to be around as long as and doing the same thing could be overlooked. He said the last thing he would do would be to overlook it. He said it was more fun not to know who the man was who left.

(At this point Governor Rhodes arrived)

The Chairman addressed the Governor and told him he had been filibustering but he had not left any stone unturned. He said he had been talking about his operation and he had told the people that just as the Governor made the phrase "Profit is not a dirty word" a sentence in Ohio well known, he was paraphrasing to, "Cancer is not a dirty word." He said he had paid great tribute to The Ohio State University Hospital, to The Ohio State University, and to the great scientists who were at the University and whom the Governor supported in their work and whom all the rest of the people of Ohio supported and he knew that nobody had a more profound concern for cancer than the Governor. He said just as his mother had suffered, so had Governor Rhodes' mother. He said only recently the Governor had proposed cancer hospitals to serve Ohio, indicating his compassion for those who suffered from the disease, and his understanding that the disease could be successfully treated, because the Governor would not propose cancer hospitals just to build a structure, he proposed them only because he believed that human beings could be served by the support of such hospitals. The Chairman told the Governor that he had said before the Governor arrived he had only the greatest respect and profound admiration for The Ohio State University Hospital and for the

men, and especially Dr. Zollinger; Dean Cramblett; the cardiologist, Dr. Ryan and the anesthesiologist, whom he had not mentioned before, Dr. William Hamelberg, and all the people who had served him and had produced a satisfactory result. The Chairman said he had told those in the room, before the Governor arrived, that his mother had a comparable operation at a comparable age. He said there were just months' difference in her age and his when she had the same operation and that she had lived for 22 more years. He said that a man sitting in the room had heard him say that and further the Chairman said that he hoped to live for a comparable time and continue doing the same thing in public service, or otherwise, that he had been doing over the years, and the man got right up and left and the Chairman said he did not know who the man was. He said one could never tell, he might have been the guy who asked the Governor how long Shocknessy was going to live. Governor Rhodes said that the man who left might have experienced cancer in his family and it touched many people, it was a deep thing with some people. The Chairman said he knew that, that it had been so with the Governor. He said he knew the Governor had something close to a phobia about the very word. The Governor agreed.

The Chairman said that before the Governor came he had said he had served on the board of the Columbus Cancer Clinic for many years. He said the Governor, Dr. Arthur G. James, who was the medical advisor of the Cancer Clinic, and he had conferences on the subject of cancer, cancer treatment and cancer hospitals in recent months. He said at the time of the conferences he did not know that he would be addressing himself to people who had cancer as Father Damien did at Molokai a long while ago. The Chairman explained that Father Damien was the priest who went to Molokai to serve the leper colony there and after he had been there a number of years he got up at Mass one Sunday morning and addressed his congregation as "we lepers," thus giving notice that he, too, had the disease. The Chairman told the Governor that he had said before the Governor came to the meeting that he had spent many years working with agencies dedicated to eradication and amelioration of cancer, but he always thought it concerned people he was trying to help and that he had not thought it meant him. He said that now he had found out that he could address people and say "we cancer victims." He said he was facing it the way he was because he wanted other people by his conduct to take courage and he believed that he had had a successful experience in surgery. He said he had had a remarkable recovery because he could have been at the meeting a week earlier and doing things just the way they were being done, but he did not want to do it because the statistics for the Easter weekend would not have been complete. The Chairman said it was a satisfaction to him that the Governor was present. He said the Governor had been his friend for a long time and the Governor had had a bigger emotional reaction to the surgery than he had. He said he was glad Colonel Chiaramonte, Colonel Blackstone and Capt. Frank C. Nedveski, who commanded District 10, the Ohio State Highway Patrol unit assigned to the Ohio Turnpike, were present

as visitors.

The Chairman said he was glad to be with the Commission which he had been with for nearly 26 years and he was especially glad to shake and hold the hand of Mr. Teagarden, whom he had known as long as he had known the Governor. He said he had known Mr. Teagarden ever since the Lausche administration. He said Senator Frank J. Lausche, when Governor, had always called Mr. Teagarden Mayor, because Mr. Teagarden had been Mayor of Oak Harbor and he would not be surprised if Senator Lausche called Mr. Teagarden Mayor still. Mr. Teagarden said that he did.

The Chairman said he was glad to be sitting with the people who were the heart of his life. He said he had not known when he took on the Turnpike Commission nearly 26 years before that it was going to become as an important part of his life as it had. He said he had been in the Home Owners Loan Corporation as a young man and had supervised the expenditure of \$306,000,000 which was big money between 1933 and 1936, but he had entered into the Turnpike Commission work and he thought it came close to becoming his life work, or certainly a large part of his life work. He said the people who were at the meeting were either the people, or their successors, who had made it his life work. He said Colonel Blackstone was the latest in a long line of Superintendents that he had known; that he had known every Superintendent from Lynn Black down through the years. He said the Patrol was created under Governor George White and he had had the pleasure of being at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Ohio State Highway Patrol in the fall of 1974. He said O. W. (Whitey) Merrill was a bright young tyro in those days and was Director of Highways when he was about 29, and the Chairman had been assistant state counsel of HOLC when he was about 26 or 27, so they were busy kids in those days. He said because of all that he had never been afraid of young people because he knew that Merrill and he had been young and had done a big job and young people were still capable of doing just as big a job as anyone else. He said Mr. Teagarden was the boy mayor. The Governor said Mr. Jackson was the boy Highway Director. The Chairman said Mr. Jackson would age quickly. He said the Executive Director had aged quickly. He said Mr. Johnson had looked very bright and shiny when he had first known him in 1963 when he came to Columbus representing Division 12 of the then Department of Highways at Cleveland, and that he had not known him from a bale of hay. He said someone said to him one day, it might have been the Governor, "Where did you get Johnson?" and he had replied, "Well, I suppose I got him from you, he came down here from Division 12." The Chairman said that was right after the Governor had set up the task force on the completion of the interstate highways. The Governor said the task force had been the best project in the highway department. The Chairman said the task force had made a great record and Mr. Johnson was an integral part of it, but he had not met him until the meeting in

Berea on April 16, 1963. The Chairman said the Governor had been at that meeting but that Ralph S. Locher, the Mayor of Cleveland, had not been present but had sent a representative and the Chairman, who had known Mr. Locher practically all his life and loved him like a brother, had reproved him.

The Chairman said he would not talk any more, that he had promised the Governor's personal secretary that he would not delay him, but he wanted the Governor to know that the basis of the meeting was for the Commission to tell Colonel Chiaramonte how grateful the Commission was to him for his years of service to the State of Ohio as Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and especially for the excellence of the service that the Colonel provided the people of Ohio and the people of the nation who travel the Ohio Turnpike. He said he was proud of the enforcement that the Patrol gave because that enforcement had probably done more than any other single thing to control and reduce fatal accidents on the Ohio Turnpike and on other highways of the state. The Chairman said that when a national speed limit was proposed he was one of the people who thought 55 miles an hour was slow and he told people that 60 miles an hour would be all right. The Chairman said that 55 was determined upon, 55 had been enforced and 55 had produced a result and the whole nation was aware of the Ohio experience. He said the safety experience on the Ohio Turnpike was something he was willing to say was unparalleled. He said the results that had been obtained and the enforcement of the speed limit were a monument to the administration to Colonel Chiaramonte. He said he knew he would be able to say the same thing at Colonel Blackstone's retirement if the Colonel's time to retire came before his own. He said Colonel Chiaramonte had worked with the Turnpike before he was Superintendent and he especially remembered commenting at that time how impressed he was with just the sound of Colonel Chiaramonte's name. He said that was a name that had distinction. He said he had looked at the Colonel and said "That's the most interesting name." Colonel Chiaramonte said he remembered the occasion. The Chairman said the Colonel lived up to the name, which he considered had class. He said he considered the name had class and the Patrol had class. He said everything he said about everybody else redounded to the Governor's credit because Governor Rhodes was going to be Governor longer than anyone else that held that office. He said if Governor Rhodes served 12 years he would have served as Governor longer than any other man in the history of Ohio. He said that Senator Lausche was carrying the baton at the moment but he was likely to have to hand it over to Governor Rhodes.

The Chairman said the Turnpike meetings were always informal, and sometimes were heated, but the present meeting was not heated, that he was benign that morning. He said he was especially glad to pay tribute to Colonel Chiaramonte and to do so in the Governor's presence and in all his experience with the Patrol, he never knew a bad Superintendent. He

said all the Superintendents had been good Superintendents; they had all seen the vision, the vision of service. He said the Patrol had not received the material recognition that it might well have deserved but had performed with an esprit de corps that was better and greater than it would have been had the Patrol been fully compensated. He said he was glad Colonel Chiaramonte had come to the meeting and whatever the Colonel did in the future he would have the Commission's best wishes and the Colonel deserved success in anything he might undertake. He said Colonel Chiaramonte was retiring at an age when he had many, many years left in his effective life to continue to serve and he was sure the Colonel would do so. The Chairman said Colonel Blackstone had the challenge of the men who had preceded him and he was sure that he would pick it up and carry the banner as it had been carried in the past. The Chairman said the Commission liked Capt. Nedveski's service at Berea and if Capt. Nedveski continued in his work that he would have every cooperation that the Commission could give. The Chairman said that he wanted to tell the Governor that he expected to serve as long as God and the Governor permitted but he also wanted to tell him that if the day ever came, when because of health or any other consideration, his effectiveness would be imperiled or impaired, the Governor would have his resignation promptly. The Governor said that the Chairman was better off in a wheelchair than most people walking around and that since the Chairman had proclaimed his perfect health, he would announce the Chairman's reappointment to the Commission that day. The Chairman thanked the Governor. The Governor said he saw the Chairman was fully recovered from surgery.

The Chairman said the Commission was there principally to honor Colonel Chiaramonte. He said the Commission had had a little recognition prepared which he wanted to hand him. He said he knew the Colonel had many of them and probably his living room and his day room were full of testimonials, but the one he was presenting to the Colonel was the first that the Commission had given to a Superintendent and in it the Commission said: "In recognition of outstanding service to the Ohio Turnpike Commission during his tenure as Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and as a distinguished and dedicated public official who performed his duties fearlessly and impartially for all the people, the Ohio Turnpike Commission and its staff convey deep appreciation to Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte. In grateful acknowledgment this certificate is presented by the Ohio Turnpike Commission on the 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy five, and of the Commission twentysix."

The Chairman said the record of the meeting would show that the presentation had been made in the presence of the Commission and in the presence of His Excellency, the distinguished and great Governor of Ohio,

Colonel Chiaramonte said he accepted the recognition with great gratitude. He said the association that the Ohio State Highway Patrol had had with the Ohio Turnpike for many years had not been without some emergencies and catastrophes that had occurred on the Turnpike but never had there ever been anything but the fullest and the most supportive cooperation from the Chairman and the Turnpike Commission. He said Mr. Shocknessy was quite accurate in giving testimony to the safety and the great record of the safety on the Turnpike. He said the engineering, maintenance and administration of the Turnpike made it one of the best in the country. He said he thought, very immodestly, the Patrol's enforcement effort had made the Turnpike one of the safest in the country and that in his opinion the only difference in many turnpikes was the absence of enforcement. He recalled that when Kansas had an 80 mile an hour speed limit and enforcement did not begin until 90, more than 10 people were killed per hundred million passenger car miles in Kansas. He said at that time the Ohio record was about 2.4 or 2.5 fatalities per hundred million miles and that at the present no effort that he had made nor the Highway Patrol had made except in the enforcement, had done as much for highway safety as the 55 mile an hour speed limit had done. He said whatever gimmicks, slogans or money had been put into highway safety, nothing could compare with the 55 mile an hour speed limit. He said that the Patrol knew that highways were engineered for much higher speed and that automobiles were capable of more than double that speed, but not all people were. He said on the highways there was a mixture of talents, mentality and judgment and there was certainly serious error that caused people to die on the highways in epidemic proportions. He said it was hoped such deaths could be eradicated along with other diseases. He said the Patrol's association with the Chairman went beyond the Turnpike and beyond the Chairman's capacity as Trustee of The Ohio State University and the cooperation the Patrol had had during those trying days was something the Patrol looked back upon as experiences that proved the temper of the Patrol, the hardness of the steel and certainly the enduring qualities of the men that made up the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He said Capt. Nedveski was an enforcement man and was also very cognizant of the service that the Patrol must perform for people. He said Capt. Nedveski also flew the airplane along the Turnpike on occasion and was the only flying captain in the Patrol. He said he had known his successor, Colonel Blackstone more than 26 years and he was very happy to pass the baton on to him. The Colonel thanked Governor Rhodes for attending the meeting and sharing the moment with him. The Colonel expressed his thanks to everyone.

The Chairman said Colonel Chiaramonte had reminded him of some of the emergencies that he and the Colonel had had. He said he remembered well how he and the Colonel had faced a great concourse of students and others in 1968 at the University administration building and he remembered also how together they had faced the truckers' so-called blockade. He said

that and what had been referred to as riots at the University, were probably the two most agonizing experiences that he had shared with Colonel Chiaramonte. The Chairman asked Colonel Blackstone if he wanted to say anything.

Colonel Blackstone said it had been a real pleasure for him to work with and for Colonel Chiaramonte for many years. He said it was the men that made up the Patrol that made all its members proud and he could assure the Chairman, the Commission and the Governor that the Highway Patrol intended to carry on as it had in the past.

The Chairman asked Capt. Nedveski if he wished to say anything. Capt. Nedveski said that Colonel Chiaramonte had added about 15 years to his life with the fine and far-reaching programs that he had put into effect and that he himself had 29 years service in the Highway Patrol and he had been stationed on the Ohio Turnpike for two and one half years. He said it was a great pleasure to be at the meeting.

The Chairman told the Governor that he had promised his office that he would not delay him but he wanted the Governor to look him over and see if the Governor thought he could still stand on what he had said that the Chairman would be around to pay off the bonds. He said he also wanted the Governor at the meeting for the occasion of the presentation to Colonel Chiaramonte which was very meaningful to everyone. The Chairman said that Governor Rhodes, in his previous two terms, and thus far in his present term, had shown the Ohio Turnpike Commission an unparalleled kind of consideration and he had said many times that the Ohio Turnpike Commission had been permitted by the Governors of Ohio to pursue its course in conscientious understanding of its mission without interference. He said Governor Rhodes had served longer during the life of the Ohio Turnpike Commission than Governor Lausche. The Chairman said that the two of them, Governor Lausche, who signed the legislation and who first appointed the Chairman, over his protest, to membership on the Commission, and Governor Rhodes had had more to do with the independence of the Commission than any other Governor. The Chairman said he hoped the Commission merited the kind of confidence that the Governors had manifested, by permitting the Commission the independence it had had and he trusted that would always be so. He said the day was a good day for him not only to thank everybody for coming but to thank God for letting him be present after his experience of four weeks earlier when he was operated upon. He said after that he was glad to be present. The Chairman said he would not ask the Governor for a speech because his conduct in his office had been a living speech testifying to government and service.

The Governor said he was very happy that the good Chairman had had the recovery and he thought that the Chairman and people like Haskell

Short, had had trying times with cancer. He said what his administration was trying to do was to furnish cancer control and have four of the finest control centers in the world in Ohio and to attract the finest people concerned with cancer. He said Jim Shocknessy had given so much and he wanted to say that Jim was a candidate for the chairman of the Ohio cancer drive. He said the drive was planning to raise \$2 million and he would guarantee they would raise \$6 million. The Governor said after the reports of the happenings at the meeting, the Chairman would also be made chairman of the Ohio cancer drive. The Governor said he was sure Mr. Shocknessy would accept the chairmanship and do the best job that had ever been done and be a living example of the conquest of cancer. The Governor said the Ohio Turnpike Commission was the finest turnpike commission and that the Ohio Turnpike Commission had the finest chairman of all the states that were in the turnpike business directly or indirectly. He said all the states in the turnpike business looked to the Ohio Turnpike to set the pace. The Governor said the Chairman had given his life to the Ohio Turnpike Commission and had given his energy, his enthusiasm and his directness as well. He said he knew that not everybody agreed with the Chairman but the outrageous part of it was, it always turned out that the Chairman had been correct. He said that upset many people. The Chairman said that was why people asked the Governor how long Jim Shocknessy was going to live. The Governor said anyone who asked that question was not in the financing business because he knew the Chairman was going to live long enough to pay the bonds off and that was what he had told questioners.

The Governor said he might be telling a story out of school but he wanted to explain how Colonel Blackstone was selected to be Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He said the Patrol had been polled and the unanimous answer was that everybody wanted Colonel Blackstone to be the new Superintendent. He said Colonel Blackstone had not had his appointment from him or from someone writing a letter and recommending Colonel Blackstone but it was the members of the Highway Patrol who made him Superintendent. The Governor said so far as Colonel Chiaramonte was concerned, he had never seen a person so dedicated to the cause of the Highway Patrol. He said anywhere one went in the United States everyone said without any question, that the Ohio Highway Patrol was the finest unit of its kind in the United States. He said no one touched or bothered the Highway Patrol and that he did not know of anyone who had ever asked the Highway Patrol to cancel a traffic ticket. He said that was what law enforcement was all about and he knew that the freer the hand the Patrol had the better job they did and he thought the continuity of promotion within the Patrol was most important. He said he knew a great many people would like to say, "Well, let's change." The Governor said one should not change when one had the best. He said Colonel Chiaramonte had been a living example of what work meant in the area of law enforcement and that the Colonel was highly respected

in all sections of law enforcement. He said he knew Colonel Chiaramonte's shoes would be difficult to fill and he thought that Colonel Blackstone would be telephoning Colonel Chiaramonte every once in a while to ask what to do. He said the morale in the Ohio State Highway Patrol was the highest of any such organization. He said the Patrol had honesty, that the Patrol worked, and he was proud of being associated with the Ohio State Highway Patrol in state government, and as long as he was Governor the Patrol was going to be run that way. The Governor said we were all in the midst of history and there had not been any other turnpike chairman who had served so long. He said in all the other states the turnpike chairmen changed with the governors because in other states the position was considered a plum. He said Mr. Shocknessy was not a plum, that he was his own man, and that he was dedicated. He said he had not seen Colonel Chiaramonte more than five times in all the time he was first governor. He said he and the Colonel had become acquainted in 1968 and 1969 when things became difficult but except for that he had not seen him and he probably would not see Colonel Blackstone. He said he wanted Colonel Blackstone to run the Highway Patrol and to do what was right and to do the job required for the State of Ohio. He said he wished the State had more agencies like the Ohio Turnpike Commission and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He said if there were more such agencies there would be greater continuity in state government which would result in a saving to the taxpayers and would attract better people to the service of the state. The Governor made it plain that he had not said there were bad people in the service of the state but he thought the Ohio Turnpike Commission and the Highway Patrol had more qualified and more experienced people on their staffs than most state agencies. The Governor said that he had been all through Mayor Teagarden's canning plant and that he had been conducted personally by the Mayor of Oak Harbor. He said Mr. Teagarden was a legendary figure in that area and that his reputation went much farther than the city limits of Oak Harbor. He said he was very happy to be at the meeting with everyone there. He said the Ohio Turnpike Commission was doing a great job, that he wanted them to continue to do so and he was not being facetious or joking about reappointing Jim Shocknessy, but he would put it this way: What would the Turnpike be without Jim Shocknessy?

The Chairman said that the Governor nearly found out what it would be like to have the Turnpike Commission without him. The Governor said that was correct, but he said the Chairman had had more prayers said for him than anyone had had for some time and that he was glad to have the Chairman back. The Governor said "God be with you and your health." The Chairman thanked the Governor and went on to say that in all the years the Turnpike Commission had been associated with the Patrol the Commission had never received a complaint about the Patrol. The Chairman said people wrote letters to the Commission telling it how nice the young Patrolmen were. The Governor said one might get

a call at 3 o'clock in the morning from some drunk who had confused the Patrol with some Sheriff or city police and then when the matter was looked into the caller would be found to be talking about West Virginia or Kentucky. The Chairman said the Turnpike had had that very experience when it had received extreme criticism about an enforcement matter and under investigation had found out the event complained about had not even happened in Ohio.

The Chairman said apropos of something else the Governor had said about other commissions, he had received a letter while he had been ill, from the new chairman of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Egidio Cerilli. He said the chairmen of the Pennsylvania Turnpike had come and gone over the years. The Chairman said in his final paragraph, Mr. Cerilli had said, "It is my hope that in the next several months I can pay you a visit at the Ohio Turnpike Commission. As one relatively new to this business, I know it would be to my advantage to discuss mutual interests and problems in full knowledge of your long experience and reputation in turnpike management and administration." The Chairman said he would not have received such a letter if it had not been for Governor Rhodes and for other officers who had served in the office of the Governor of Ohio. The Chairman said there were four appointed Members of the Ohio Turnpike Commission; two Democrats appointed by Republican governors and two Republicans appointed by Democratic governors. He said Mr. Teagarden and he had started out with appointments from Governor Lausche but most recently they had been appointed by Governor Rhodes; Mr. Bricker and Mr. Anderson had been appointed by a Democrat; therefore, the two Republicans were appointed by a Democrat and the two Democrats had been appointed by a Republican. He said there was only one Republican on the Commission who had been appointed by a Republican and he was the Director of Transportation.

Mr. Teagarden said he doubted if the Chairman remembered their first meeting which had occurred in the office of Governor Lausche and at that time Mr. Teagarden had nominated Mr. Shocknessy as Chairman of the Commission and Mr. Shocknessy had been Chairman ever since. The Chairman said he remembered the meeting very well because he had opened the meeting to the press and that the press had been at every meeting the Commission had ever had. He said the first meeting was in the State House in what was called the Adjutant General's room, which was not a large room. The Governor said it was more like a confessional booth. The Chairman said Murray Seasongood was on the first Commission and had been appointed as a Republican. He said he and Mr. Seasongood had known one another for a long while and he had been a young lawyer in Mr. Seasongood's office. He said there were people around the room just as there were at the present meeting. Mr. Seasongood had looked over at the Chairman and said "Who are these fellows?" and the Chairman had replied, "Oh, they are the press." He said Mr. Seasongood then said

"You don't mean to tell me that you are going to run this Commission with the press present?" The Chairman said "Yes, I do. If you don't like it, leave." The Chairman said Mr. Seasongood was still living and about 96 years old. He said he had told Mr. Seasongood not long ago that as Almighty God had left the prophets of old to live to a great age, Almighty God was leaving him to great age, but he would not be too surprised, on the basis of his own experience with Mr. Seasongood, that Almighty God was leaving him because God was not sure if He wanted to cope with him on closer terms. The Chairman said there were a large number of press representatives at the meeting that day and the Commission had always had a lot of press present at its meetings and he had said many times that the Ohio Turnpike was built on law books and newspapers.

(At this point the Governor left and the Chairman declared a short recess.)

After the recess the Chairman said that people became awfully scared of cancer. He said it was probably the toughest thing he had ever had to face but he had never learned how to be scared, so he had not been scared.

Mr. Jackson said everyone in Columbus was fortunate to have the fine medical school and people did not realize how fine the University Hospital was. The Chairman said that Dean Cramblett was a wonderful man and so were Dr. Zollinger, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Hamelberg and Dr. Sidney Nelson, the radiologist. He said all the departments of University Hospital were headed by men of greatness. He said he took almost a proprietary interest in that hospital, and in the University, where he had never taken a class in his life. He said he was an adopted alumnus of The Ohio State University and he thought as such he had probably greater affection for it than he might have if he had been a true son of the University. He said he had always recognized that The Ohio State University was the most important activity in Ohio. He said he had said many times that the President of the University had a better chance to leave his mark on the State than any Governor had.

A motion was made by Mr. Bricker, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the minutes for the meeting of March 4, 1975 which had been examined by the Members and on which the corrections suggested by the Members had been made be approved without reading.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bricker, Jackson, Teagarden, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the minutes stood adopted.

The Chairman said that C. Paul McBride, who was retiring as Assistant Comptroller and Chief Accountant of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, was present. He said Mr. McBride had entered the services of the Turnpike in November of 1954 and the Commission was proud of his long and effective service. He said the Commission had asked Mr. McBride to come to the meeting so that the Commission could note for the purpose of the record its gratitude to him as a man who had served the Commission and the public well, tirelessly, and without fanfare. He said Mr. McBride had never looked for applause but had gone ahead and done his job. The Chairman said this was about the first time he had been able to congratulate Mr. McBride in public and he would do so and he had a testimonial for Mr. McBride which he would like to present to him in recognition of his 20 and one half years of devoted service. (At this point the Chairman gave Mr. McBride a certificate.) The Chairman said he not only handed him the certificate but wished him well in whatever he did and Mr. McBride could count on having approval from the Commission. Mr. McBride said he really appreciated the certificate because it was something he had worked for for a long time. Mr. McBride said the Turnpike had been very successful and he had enjoyed his work and he hated to leave but he felt it was time for him to do so. The Chairman thanked Mr. McBride for coming and Mr. McBride thanked the Chairman for his remarks.

The Executive Director introduced Stephen Farmer and said Mr. Farmer would be assuming some of the accounting duties formerly performed by Mr. McBride. The Chairman said he had no doubt that Mr. Farmer would husband them well and that Mr. Farmer was following a good man.

The Chairman reported that the Members had already received figures about the March revenues and the fact that the Easter holiday toll collections were a little bit higher than they had been in 1974 and there had not been a single serious accident during the holiday period.

The Chairman reported also that there had been correspondence with the Legislative Service Commission which Mr. Johnson would advert to later and that the correspondence should be put in the record at that point. He said all the Members had received copies of the correspondence and there had been no response to the latest letter that the Executive Director and he had written before he went into the hospital.

The Chairman reported also that there had been some correspondence with The Honorable Charles A. Vanik, Congressman from the 22nd District of Ohio. He said the correspondence referred to additional funds for uses proposed by Mr. Jackson's predecessor. He said the Commission

had sent a letter to Congressman Vanik about the matter.

The Chairman reported also that the Executive Director would report on the service station contracts.

The Chairman reported also that he wanted to take special notice of the Turnpike Notes which were being published regularly and had come to his attention recently because of the good photograph of the Director of Transportation. He said Turnpike Notes was a good publication and he wanted to congratulate Robert P. Barnett, Assistant Director of Information and Research, on it because it was a good job. He said he was pleased that there had been such a good picture of the Director of Transportation and also that he himself had been quoted as to what he had had to say about job security of Ohio Turnpike employees because he had meant what he said and he would stand by it. The Chairman said there was no reason for anybody employed by the Turnpike to feel that anything other than economic considerations would have anything to do with his tenure and he did not see any economic condition or economic portent that was likely to have anything to do with the tenure of employees.

The Chairman reported also that one of the Turnpike's Assistant Senior Toll Collectors, James S. Macartney, had won the \$300,000 prize in the Ohio Lottery. Mr. Teagarden asked if Mr. Macartney would resign. The Comptroller, William G. Gerber, said he had talked to him the day before and he planned to remain with the Turnpike. The Chairman said that was grand and he wanted that to go in the record and he wanted to congratulate Mr. Macartney. He instructed the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to write Mr. Macartney a letter and tell him that the matter had been discussed at the Commission meeting and the Commission congratulated him.

The Chairman said there was an editorial in the Lorain Journal of April 5, 1975. He said the Lorain Journal editorial began "Lorainites remember Jim Macartney when he was a poor man. . ." The Chairman said it was a nice editorial and he wanted the record to show that it had been adverted to.

The Chairman reported also that he had a clipping with respect to the replacement of the Ferguson Act. He said he would not oppose a proper manifestation of the right by legislation of public employees to be represented by a bargaining agent.

The Chairman said the report of the Chairman was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer would be received.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Johnson, reported for the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Anderson, that since the last meeting, the

following had been sent to all Members:

1. Detail of Investment Transactions which took place in February and March, 1975.
2. Traffic & Revenue Report for February 1975.
3. Financial Statements as of February 28, 1975.
4. Draft of the minutes of the March 4, 1975 meeting.
5. Month end release of April 1, 1975.

The Chairman said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance would be received.

The vice chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. Johnson, reported for the chairman of the Committee, Mr. Anderson, that during the first quarter of the year the expenditures were \$25,000 less than the budgeted amount of \$3,974,000 so that the expenses were just 0.6% below the budget. He said he expected the Commission would have a very tight situation throughout the year and that he hoped that the below budget experience could be kept going through the whole year.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas would be received.

The chairman of the Committee on Service Plazas, Mr. Teagarden, reported that a request had been received from Gladieux Food Services, Inc. for increases in prices. He said the Committee had made its usual investigation and determined that the increases probably should not be approved. He said the Committee had met again with Gladieux which had submitted an additional request in the week of April 1. He said the request could be considered a revised request and the Committee was now studying the request to make a determination. The Chairman said he was not fighting anybody in the prevailing market. He said the Committee on Service Plazas would allow the operators what they must have according to the conscientious judgment of the Committee. Mr. Teagarden said the Committee had given Gladieux an increase effective on the first of January shortly after an earlier increase. He said food items had not gone up in price recently, in fact, a great many of them had come down, and the Committee was going to do what was fair for everyone. The Chairman said the Executive Director would discuss the service station contracts in his report. He said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas was accepted as offered. He said the report for the Committee on

Employee Relations would be received.

The chairman of the Committee on Employee Relations, Mr. Teagarden, said he had no report but the Executive Director had been in communication with some people in connection with employee relations and he was going to ask him to make a report.

The Chairman said he wanted to congratulate the Executive Director before he made the report on the quality of the correspondence with the union. He said the Executive Director had handled it very, very well.

The Executive Director reported that he had kept the Commission Members informed through copies of correspondence of the activity of the staff as it related to the organizing effort by the Joint Organizing Council of the Operating Engineers and Laborers' Union. He said the union had recently exceeded the 30% requirement of the Commission for check off of dues but the union had not requested the check off in the required form. The Executive Director reported further that he and William C. Hartman, Esq., of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, the Commission's labor counsel, had met on April 4 with representatives of the union and had repeated the Commission's requirement for submitting the request. He said he expected that the request would soon be submitted on a form acceptable to the Commission. He said it was very likely the Commission would soon have to check off dues for the Operating Engineers and Laborers' Union. The Executive Director said he had talked with Mr. Teagarden and it was probable that some time in the near future he would call a meeting of the Employee Relations Committee in order to discuss just how the Committee would approach the 1975 meetings with representatives of the employees. The Chairman said there was no problem, that the Committee would just deal with three instead of two groups of employees.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Employee Relations was accepted as offered. He ascertained there would be no report from the Director of Transportation. He said safety had been covered earlier in the meeting by Colonel Chiaramonte, the Governor, and that he had also spoken on safety so that the formal report of the Committee on Safety might be dispensed with. He said the report of the Executive Director would be received.

The Executive Director reported that at the direction of the Commission, the staff and he had been working for some time on preparation of new specifications for the service station contracts to replace the present contracts which would expire on September 30, 1975. He said the form of the revised documents was before the Commission. He said they provided some things which were essentially different than the

current contracts.

First, it was proposed to have a five-year term on the contracts which would run from October 1, 1975 until September 30, 1980, with two-year extensions permitted thereafter, should the Commission concur.

Second, various combinations of the contracts were provided for which would permit bidding on as few as four stations, that being two pairs, and as many as all 16 stations, which would be eight pairs. The Executive Director said that was different from the present concept wherein the Commission would not permit any company to have more than four stations and the stations had to be staggered. The Chairman said that the Commission was in a different market and in a different energy environment on which the Director of Transportation and the Governor were both working and the Commission was aware that it had to meet the exigencies of the economy in dealing with the specifications. The Executive Director said it was expected that the award, assuming bids were received, would be made of the combinations determined by the Commission to be in the best interests of the public and of the Commission.

Third, it was expected that the primary bid would be in the form of a payment to the Commission of so much for every gallon of fuel sold and a payment of 10% of gross receipts from miscellaneous sales. The Executive Director said that was similar to what was provided in the present contracts. He said it was expected that there would be alternate bids to pay a monthly rent for every contract which rent would be periodically adjusted on the basis of the consumer price index. He said that alternate was in the bidding documents to accommodate the current market situation and that only one would be awarded.

Fourth, there were numerous other items in the present contract which had been revised to accommodate and reflect the current situation and the Commission's experience with the present contracts. The Executive Director said those items concerned such matters as whose responsibility certain areas of maintenance were; whose responsibility certain equipment was; payments for heat and so forth. He said such items were too numerous to mention at the meeting but the existing form of contract had been analyzed very carefully and the staff had relied on its experience gained through the years to make the revisions. The Chairman said as soon as the documents were finalized he recommended that a press release be issued outlining the substance of the contracts.

The Executive Director reported further that it was expected that advertising would begin on April 17. He said the advertisement was expected to be wider than would be made on a normal contract. He said it was expected the bids would be opened on May 28 which would allow enough time for the staff to analyze the bids in contemplation of

an award by the Commission at its July meeting.

The Executive Director said a resolution had been prepared to approve the form of the contract documents and he recommended the resolution be adopted so that the Commission might proceed to take bids.

A resolution approving forms of contract documents for contracts SS3-A through SS3-N (except SS3-I), being contracts for the operation of service stations on the Ohio Turnpike, was moved for adoption by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. Bricker, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1975

"WHEREAS there are before this meeting the forms of contract documents, to wit: Forms of notice to bidders, proposal for bidding, terms and conditions of bidding, the affidavit, and the contract for each of Contracts SS3-A, SS3-B, SS3-C, SS3-D, SS3-E, SS3-F, SS3-G, SS3-H, SS3-J, SS3-K, SS3-L, SS3-M and SS3-N, (together with the exhibits which constitute a part of each such proposed contract);

"WHEREAS the aforesaid contracts are for the operation of various combinations of the dual service stations (i. e., pairs of service stations, each pair having individual stations located opposite each other on both sides of the Ohio Turnpike) located at the service plazas of the Ohio Turnpike;

"WHEREAS the bidding documents for the aforesaid proposed contracts permit bidders to bid on any one or more of the aforesaid contracts and the bidders may bid to operate various combinations of two or more pairs of service stations as set forth in the proposals which are a part of the contract documents before the Commission;

"WHEREAS the aforesaid documents have been prepared at the direction of the Commission by the executive director and staff with the advice and approval of general counsel; and

"WHEREAS the Commission has duly and fully considered the same;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Commission hereby approves the forms of contract documents before it at this meeting for each of the aforesaid contracts, being for and in connection with contracts for the operation of various combinations of dual service stations located on the Ohio Turnpike; provided that any changes which are in the nature of adding or changing headings, captions, and style of writing, or other clerical changes, and also changes which in the judgment of the executive director and general

counsel shall be necessary or desirable in the light of additional information which may come to them in relation to the products and services to be performed under the aforesaid contracts, or the regulations thereof by governmental authority, including changes which may be made by addenda after advertisement, may be made upon the authorization of the executive director and approval of general counsel; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director and general counsel shall cause to be published advertisements of notices for the taking of bids for each of the aforesaid contracts, and that the executive director is authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, and to take and open bids for same and report his actions and the results thereof to the Commission.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. He asked the Director of Transportation if he wished to say anything special about the resolution but there would be enough flexibility in the procedure so that if anyone wanted to say anything after he had read it he could still do so. He said the Commission had been considering the whole business ever since the so-called fuel crisis of 1974.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Teagarden, Bricker, Jackson, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 9-1975.

The Executive Director reported also that the annual inspection of bridges and other facilities had been begun by the Consulting Engineers, the J. E. Greiner Company. He said the bridge inspection was in precisely the form and on the forms required by the Federal government in order to comply with the Federal National Bridge Inspection standards. The Chairman determined that the Department of Transportation did not make a duplicate inspection of the bridges but that it would accept the report of the J. E. Greiner Company which would be furnished by the Commission to the State.

The Executive Director reported also that all four resurfacing contracts were well underway although progress had been hampered somewhat by poor weather. He said construction was continuing on the two toll plazas for the new interchanges with I-90 and I-680. He said the work was progressing satisfactorily and that the I-90 projects were scheduled for completion some time in June and the State's project was scheduled for completion some time

in July. He said both the Commission and the State were working toward a coincidental completion and opening although no target date had been selected as yet for the openings, which he was sure would be done jointly by the Commission and the Department of Transportation.

The Executive Director reported that the correspondence with the Legislative Service Commission was as follows:

"March 12, 1975

"The Honorable A. G. Lancione, Chairman
Ohio Legislative Service Commission
The State House
Columbus, Ohio 43215

"Dear Sir:

"Receipt is acknowledged on behalf of the Chairman of the Ohio Turnpike Commission of the letter addressed to him by the Legislative Budget Office of the Ohio Legislative Service Commission under date of February 27, 1975, postmarked March 5, 1975, requesting that certain budgetary information about the Ohio Turnpike Commission be submitted to that office by March 4, 1975. Immediately upon receipt of the request late in the afternoon of March 6, 1975, I telephoned the office and in the absence of Richard G. Sheridan who was listed as the Legislative Budget Officer on the letterhead, I was advised by his secretary, Ms. Sonya Glenn that, notwithstanding the date on the written notice, the information was desired by March 21, 1975.

"The letter indicated that, although the Ohio Turnpike Commission has never previously been requested to submit such budgetary information, a review by the staff of the relevant state statutes did not reveal a specific exemption granted to the Ohio Turnpike Commission. While it may be true that no specific statutory exemption has been granted, the nature of the request leads us to believe that a review of apparently relevant statutes alone is not sufficient to provide understanding of our unique situation adequately.

"The letter requested our proposed budgets for fiscal year 1976 and for fiscal year 1977 and for actual expenditures for fiscal years 1972, 1973 and 1974 and estimated expenditures for fiscal year 1975. Obviously, they are interested in such information as it relates to the state's biennial budget for which fiscal year 1976 begins July 1, 1975. The Ohio Turnpike Commission does not operate under such a budgetary schedule and thus, the information requested for 1976 and 1977 is not available.

"The budgets of the Ohio Turnpike Commission are prepared annually and administered in accordance with the provisions of a Trust Agreement between the Commission and The Ohio National Bank of Columbus as Trustee and the

National City Bank of New York (now the First National City Bank of New York) as Co-Trustee, dated June 1, 1952, which Trust Agreement was authorized by Section 5537.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

"A copy of Resolution No. 18-1974 adopting a Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 1975 (which fiscal year coincides with the calendar year) adopted by the Commission at the December 17, 1974, meeting of the Commission, pursuant to the appropriate covenants of the above mentioned Trust Agreement, is enclosed herewith for your information.

"The only similarity in the Ohio Turnpike Act to any requirement such as the Legislative Budget Office would seem to understand is Section 5537.17 which requires an annual report submitted each year on or before February 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly which no doubt is in lieu of any other provisions because the financing authorized in the Ohio Turnpike Act by the 98th General Assembly from private sources would not be amenable to provisions applicable to the control of appropriated funds.

"Since the financial affairs of the Ohio Turnpike Commission are completely independent of any other agencies, it appears to us to be unnecessary for any information about the Ohio Turnpike Commission to be included in your budgetary review.

"We are furnishing copies of this correspondence to the Attorney General of Ohio and to our fiscal counsel, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and suggest that you consult with either or both if you have any further questions about this matter.

"Very truly yours,

"Allan V. Johnson
Executive Director and
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

"Enclosure

"(list of carbon copies attached)

"cc: (w. enc.)

Honorable James A. Rhodes, Governor
Honorable Oliver Ocasek, President Pro Tem - Ohio Senate
Honorable Michael J. Maloney, Senate Minority Leader
Honorable Vernal G. Riffe, Speaker of the House
Honorable Charles F. Kurfess, House Minority Leader
Honorable Harry Meshel, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Honorable Myrl H. Shoemaker, Chairman, House Finance Appropriations
Commission Members

Honorable William J. Brown, Attorney General
Honorable James A. Laurenson, First Assistant Attorney General
Ohio National Bank, Attention: Mr. H. C. Ruegg, Vice President
First National Bank, Attention: Mr. L. A. Levy, Associate Trust Officer
J. E. Greiner Company, Attention: Mr. Thomas E. Donnelly
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Attention: Mr. Ralph Gibbon"

The following resolution is enclosure mentioned in foregoing letter.

"OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
"Resolution Adopting Preliminary Budget for
the Fiscal Year 1975 and Providing for
Reserve Maintenance Fund Deposits During
Said Year"

"WHEREAS it is provided by Section 505 of the trust agreement dated June 1, 1952 between the Commission and The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, as trustee, and The National City Bank of New York (now First National Bank, New York), as co-trustee, that on or before the 20th day of October in each fiscal year, the Commission will adopt a preliminary budget of income and current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year;

"WHEREAS the Commission's executive director and comptroller have submitted a preliminary budget of income and current expenses for the fiscal year 1975 to the Commission, and have recommended the adoption thereof, and said budget is now before the Commission;

"WHEREAS all reasonable requests of the consulting engineer as to the classifications in which such budget shall be prepared have been complied with, and the consulting engineer has advised the Commission that said budget classifications meet with its approval and that it has no further requests with respect to said classifications;

"WHEREAS the consulting engineer has made a recommendation as required by Section 504 of the aforesaid trust agreement, as to the amount to be deposited to the credit of the Reserve Maintenance Fund during the ensuing fiscal year for the purpose of paying the cost of major repairs, equipment, bridge painting, renewals, replacements and improvements and other purposes as set forth in Section 509 of the said trust agreement, and the amount so recommended is \$10,500,000; and

"WHEREAS the Commission desires to provide for deposits to the credit of the Reserve Maintenance Fund during the year 1975 of the amount recommended by the consulting engineer;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Commission, having duly and fully considered the same, hereby adopts the following:

1975
Preliminary Budget of Income and Current Expenses

Income		\$42,000,000
Current Expenses		
Administration & Insurance	\$2,888,400	
Operations	11,895,600	
Trust Indenture Expense	<u>187,500</u>	
Total Current Expenses	\$14,971,500	
		<u>Amount to be Deposited to the Credit of the Reserve</u> <u>Maintenance Fund</u>
Total Amount	\$10,500,000	

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer is hereby instructed to file a copy of said budget of income and current expenses, and of the amount to be deposited to the credit of the Reserve Maintenance Fund during the ensuing fiscal year with the trustee and to mail copies thereof to the consulting engineer and to the principal underwriters forthwith. "

"(Resolution No. 18-1974 adopted October 1, 1974)"

"Ohio Legislative Budget Office
20 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

"February 27, 1975

"Mr. James W. Shocknessy, Chairman
Ohio Turnpike Commission
682 Prospect Street
Berea, Ohio 44016

"Dear Mr. Shocknessy:

"In the past, the budget for your agency has not been subjected to legislative, or, for that matter, executive review. Our interpretation of the General Assembly's responsibilities concerning the spending of public bodies which are created by the General Assembly would provide no exceptions to the

need for budgetary review.

"We have asked our staff to review the relevant state statutes, and they have reported that they can find no specific exemption granted to your agency. Thus, we are asking that you submit 45 copies of your proposed budget for fiscal year 1976 and for fiscal year 1977 including a comparison of actual expenditures for fiscal years 1972, 1973 and 1974 and estimated expenditures for fiscal year 1975.

"In order to guide you in the submission of this budgetary information, we are enclosing a copy of Section 23 of Amended Substitute House Bill No. 86 (the current state operating appropriations act) which describes the kinds of budgetary detail the General Assembly requires in order to fulfill the responsibilities of its public trust. Also enclosed is a set of the budget forms distributed to the state departments, agencies, boards and commissions by the executive of the Office of Budget and Management. While we are not necessarily asking that your budget submission be in this format, you might find these forms useful in that they are descriptive of the kind of detail submitted for review by other public bodies.

"Please forward the 45 copies of the information requested to the Legislative Budget Office, 20 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 by March 4, 1975.

"After our staff has received your submission we will determine whether a public hearing will be necessary or desirable.

"Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You may be assured of ours.

"Sincerely,

"Myrl H. Shoemaker, Chairman
House Finance-Appropriations Committee

"Harry Meshel, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee"

The Executive Director said he and nine other members of the staff had attended Mr. Teagarden's annual grower's dinner on April 2 in Oak Harbor at the invitation of Mr. Teagarden. He said all members of the staff had been delighted to be there and it was a very enjoyable affair. The Chairman said the staff found out again what the Governor had said that Mr. Teagarden was king pin in that area. Mr. Teagarden said his son had informed him that he was going to invite the Chairman to Mr. Teagarden's 50th annual grower's dinner to be held in 1976.

The Executive Director said he would be on vacation between April 15 and April 24 and during that time G. Alan Plain, Deputy Executive Director, would be in charge pursuant to the bylaws of the Commission. He said he was going to visit Italy. The Chairman said the Executive Director had the

Commission's best wishes for a good vacation.

The Chairman said the report of the Executive Director was accepted as offered. He determined that the quarterly litigation report of the General Counsel would be mailed to the Members on April 9. The Chairman ascertained there would be no report from the Consulting Engineers, the Trustee or from the Director of Information and Research.

A resolution ratifying actions of administrative officers was moved for adoption by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. Bricker, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1975

"WHEREAS the executive director, deputy executive director, chief engineer, general counsel, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, comptroller and the director of information and research of the Commission have by various written and oral communications fully advised the members of the Commission with respect to their official actions taken on behalf of the Commission since the Commission's last meeting on March 4, 1975, and the Commission has duly reviewed and considered the same;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that all official actions taken by the aforesaid administrative officers of the Commission on its behalf since the Commission's meeting on March 4, 1975 hereby are ratified, approved and confirmed.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Teagarden, Bricker, Jackson, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 10-1975.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Bricker, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the meeting adjourn until May 6, 1975, subject to call of the Chairman. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bricker, Jackson, Teagarden, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 12:45 P. M.

Approved as a correct transcript of the proceedings
of the Ohio Turnpike Commission

Ralph H. Anderson

Ralph H. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer