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Ft. Myers, Florida

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A motion was made by Mr. Girtman and seconded by Mr. Terrell that the actions of the Railroad Commission relative to the preparation of the revised crossing regulations be given the support and assistance of the Committee and that Mr. Green be requested to prepare a memorandum covering probable items he intends to discuss with the various interested parties. This memorandum is to be available prior to his visit in order to facilitate discussion.

A discussion of underground buried telephone plant was commenced by Mr. Swanson who cited instances where recently buried cables had been damaged by other construction work. Mr. Warth stated that possibly the power companies and municipalities had not been advised of the location of such cables, but also stressed that some of such cables served air bases and other defense projects and that the sabotage angle should not be overlooked when disseminating information. It was brought out that most of the trouble came from sewer, water and gas construction. Mr. Shriner pointed out that Peninsular Telephone Company had considerable buried cable and suggested that the judicious location of such cables would eliminate the possibility of damage. Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that the railroad advised the location of their buried cable when applications are approved for underground crossings.

Mr. Warth introduced Mr. Frank Peebles of the operating division of R.E.A. in Washington, D. C. Mr. Peebles stated that he would like all utilities to give the R.E.A. a helping hand with suggestions, engineering help, etc. He also stated he would like the relations between R.E.A. and other utilities to be cordial.

Mr. Williams of the Inter County Telephone & Telegraph Company, Ft. Myers, complained that the Lee County Cooperative (REA) had constructed a line from Ft. Myers to Pine Island, a distance of 15 miles, and had crossed the road from one side to the other seven times. He stated that his company has plans for extension of a telephone circuit down this road in the future and at that time these cross-overs would materially affect his operations. Mr. Welch, Manager of the Lee County Cooperative, stated his point of view relative to this situation, and said that his Cooperative was trying to build the line as cheaply as possible and that in several instances was unable to secure easements which brought about the necessity of crossing from one side of the road to the other. Mr. Peebles of the REA suggested that when the time comes for the telephone company to construct its proposed line that it might be possible for the telephone company and the REA to get together; however, he took the view - "First come, first served" in this particular situation since the telephone company had no definite plans for extension. Mr. Warth stated that in general the utilities in Florida got together on such conflicts as this prior to construction and one utility stayed on one side of the road and the other utility on the other, and read from the write-up of a recent meeting held in Raleigh,