

namely, the question of water pollution. Under Mr. Jones' leadership we have held hearings all over the country in such locations as Seattle, Austin, Chicago, Trenton, Hartford, Muscle Shoals, and here in Washington. On Friday of this week we go to Rochester, Toledo, and then to Syracuse. I'm sure that this committee will benefit greatly from the experience that Mr. Jones has had as the chairman of the subcommittee on Natural Resources and Power of the House Committee on Government Operations.

He is wise and knowledgeable on this subject, and I am delighted that he has voluntarily appeared before this committee to testify today.

Mr. DADDARIO. Thank you, Mr. Roush.

Mr. JONES. Thank you.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Jones; please proceed.

**STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT E. JONES, JR., CHAIRMAN,
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ERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. JONES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Roush and Mr. Blatnik, I don't believe a word that you said, but I would have been terribly disappointed had you not said it. It's a little bit refreshing, Mr. Roush, when you said invited to this committee; an invitation is a command, I'll assure you, sir. As the chairman has stated as long as Huntsville is involved in the space program to the extent it is, and I feel like probably this statement is sufficient and I should take my leave because I see with the interrogation that is taken place, people like Mr. Roush who are far more knowledgeable than I, are going to put me to task. I was pleased particularly, Mr. Chairman to hear your opening statement because it was exciting, it was a challenge to the committee, the subcommittee in exploring every possible potential of research and technical advancement in the water pollution field.

I am delighted to be here today to discuss some of the problems of water pollution control and abatement with particular emphasis on the vital role of research and development.

Your subcommittee, Mr. Chairman, is performing a signal service for the Nation through its study of the application of science and technology to the national program of water pollution control and abatement problem. You are getting at the heart of the critical problem which we face.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Power, I have been in close touch with developments in the water pollution field. Our Nation today faces a water shortage—a shortage of usable, clean water. Water pollution has become the Nation's single most desperate natural resources problem.

This pollution threatens the public health, jeopardizes our water supplies, destroys aquatic life, sullies our environment. Almost all of our major streams and rivers and lakes are suffering from increasing pollution.

Many of our rivers and lakes today are nothing but wet deserts. There is abundant water present but it supports almost no life.