

but I see no evidence of the States picking up any significant part of the support for this activity.

Mr. VIVIAN. On page 12 of your statement, Mr. Secretary, you refer to Senate bill 3112, which has also been sponsored in the House by a number of us. Do you feel that will have any significant effect in bringing up the level of research within the States by cooperative ventures?

Mr. COHEN. Yes, I think it will, Congressman Vivian; however, I'm not so optimistic that I think with the passage of this bill, that's the end of all legislation in this field. This problem that I have mentioned of getting the States, the localities, and the universities to accelerate work on this problem I think is going to be one of our continuing problems during the next few years.

Mr. VIVIAN. I would like to ask another question.

Yesterday Congressman Vanik of Ohio made a very able statement regarding the necessity for industry standards in pollution control. He was referring particularly to water pollution at the time, but it could be equally applied to air pollution and solids pollution. For example, we have a number of firms in my own district which generates a great deal of air pollution and the surrounding communities are most reluctant to enforce any standards. Certainly they may pass the laws, but they hate to enforce compliance because they are afraid these industries will then proceed to move away.

I felt his request for industry-by-industry standards and compliance obligations were very reasonable requests. Have you any comments on this subject?

Mr. COHEN. Well, I only heard about Mr. Vanik's suggestion last night, and I thought a good deal about it. I think it has some merit and ought to be considered. I think that one would necessarily have to think of industries in a broad spectrum to consider competitive problems in industry because I think one of the problems that industry has is if it gets into any of these areas, it has to consider what its cost impact is in a competitive situation. And, there it would not necessarily, in my opinion, be what that particular industry is, but also what the competitive and alternative products were that they were really competing with.

And, again, that's exactly what I had in mind when I replied to Mr. Conable's question a moment ago.

My own experience when I was on the Board of Health, and that was some 10 years ago, is this matter of compliance at the local level is exceedingly difficult. Local officials, no matter what the law is, don't want to drive an employer or an industry or a product out of their community.

They understand what his problem is and what his cost is and unless we can get some broad base in this, so that there aren't unfair competitive advantages or disadvantages, I don't think we are going to solve some of the most difficult problems. That's one of the reasons I feel you have to look at this problem from a national point of view so that you eliminate this unfair competitive element.

Mr. VIVIAN. Is there any research study being carried on within the Department regarding the subject of industry standards or related topics?