

Dr. WEINBERGER. Yes. My responsibilities include our Division of Engineering Development, and in the prepared remarks I tried to indicate that this is going to be a very important part of our program, and, of course, is really the end point of research, and without this, one has research findings which are not applied.

It is this particular area in which the funds are required and which the current legislation would enable us to do the engineering development and rely as we would expect to a considerable extent on industrial contracts.

Mr. BROWN. What is this current legislation that you refer to?

Dr. WEINBERGER. This is the bill that has passed the Senate in the Public Works Committee, the one that Mr. Muskie introduced and the administration bill. The bill passed the Senate some 2 or 3 weeks ago. I don't have the number on it, sir, but it is the amendments to the Water Pollution Control Act. It is 2947. Senate 2947.

The companion bill is H.R. 16076.

Mr. BROWN. Is it anticipated that these bills will pass in the near future?

Dr. WEINBERGER. The hearings are being held, sir, or they have been completed.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Davis?

Mr. DAVIS. I noticed on page 9 of your statement that you have itemized some answers that will be required and in B you say, "Storage of Water in Federal reservoirs," for one purpose, and C, "Storage of water in Federal reservoirs," for another purpose.

I wonder if your conclusion was based upon an assumption or a study of the matter indicated to you that the States and the municipalities would probably not be able to finance the construction of a reservoir?

Dr. WEINBERGER. I didn't have any implication here that the State or otherwise constructed reservoirs wouldn't also fall into this.

It so happens that the responsibility of our administration is at the present time limited to Federal reservoirs.

Mr. DAVIS. Have you ever studied the ability of a municipality or State to raise the required funds for the construction of reservoirs?

Dr. WEINBERGER. Sir, I have not.

Mr. DAVIS. I don't mean to overemphasize this point, but I think that the committee ought to look into it considering the political implications involved.

Do you have any information concerning charges by a municipality or State upon an industry for polluting a stream? Have you had any contact with that practice?

Dr. WEINBERGER. I have not, sir. Others in the administration might, but I have not in my research and development responsibilities.

To our knowledge, no State has legislation which allows for the payment of a fee for the discharge or dumping of wastes into receiving bodies of water. There are a number of States which do have a permit system.

(The statement concerning the treatment for phosphorous removal requested by the subcommittee is as follows:)

The principal objectives in waste treatment practice have been the removal or destruction of suspended and floatable solids, dissolved degradable organic