

Two indispensable elements of a successful program in combating water pollution are money and enforcement power. Funds are required to support both research and construction. The demand for treatment plants alone will require \$20 billion in the next 6 years. The Federal share of this should be at least \$1 billion annually and should constitute a contribution of 50 percent of the cost. The present dollar limit for any one city's project should be removed for this is unrealistic and unfair to our large metropolitan areas.

Insofar as enforcement authority is concerned, I strongly support my colleague, Representative John D. Dingell, who has done a great deal of work on this, in urging that the Secretary of the the Interior be authorized to call a conference for intrastate as well as interstate streams on his initiative without the requirement of the Governor's consent.

There is much to be done. Our technology is closely related to the climate we create for its growth and to the goals the public sets for its use. Although there is no question but that the situation is urgent and requires immediate action, we can take heart from the tremendous example set by West Germany. With over one-half the West German industrial capacity located along the Ruhr River, with that river's relatively small streamflow, we may be surprised to learn that the Ruhr is not polluted. Their method was one which we might consider: industrial plants are charged a stiff fine proportionate to the amount of pollution each plant puts into the river. I feel sure that with the wholehearted support of the public and the Federal Government, we can do as well. As President Johnson has said: "We see that we can corrupt and destroy our lands, our rivers, our forests, and the atmosphere itself—all in the name of progress and necessity. Such a course leads to a barren America, bereft of its beauty, and shorn of its sustenance. We see that there is another course—more expensive today, more demanding. Down this course lies a natural America restored to her people. The promise is clear rivers, tall forests, and clean air—a sane environment for man." The responsibility and the opportunity lie before us to take this other course.