

uses. And it is at this point, involving the use that is being made of the building, that Mr. Greene comes into the picture, and determines that the use that is being made is not a safe use, and he requires additional features or changes in features to make that use a safe one.

And so really what is involved here I think is that if the occupant of the building wants to use that building in a certain way, then he is going to be subject to having to make some changes in that building in order to protect the workers.

Mr. GREENE. I might add the changes will be made in accordance with the building code.

Mr. KING. Maybe this will simplify it just a little bit. There is no conflict between the building code and the safety standards regulations except for the fact that there is this grandfather clause in the building code which says that buildings that were in existence prior to a certain date didn't have to meet the present-day building code.

Mr. Dowdy. You used the word, and it is also used in the bill, about "features" of a building or other structures. I don't know exactly what that means.

Mr. GREENE. Features can be temporary. Features can also be an exhaust fan, in a room where there are no windows, 20 people working, and all 20 of them at different times calling our office talking about the temperature of the room, and they are becoming more or less asphyxiated at times.

Now when you enter that office, you take air sample readings and the like and you can see immediately that this is not a wholesome atmosphere for these people, so we order the people in these general words, to provide proper ventilation for the number of employees, and that would mean keeping the temperature at a certain mean.

Then they go to an architect, you see, and make the changes in the building to suit the building code.

Mr. Dowdy. A "feature" of a building, then, might be how much air was coming into it?

Mr. GREENE. Well, a feature could be the ventilation openings in a building. A feature of the building could be the fact that a person was welding in a room that was not fireproof.

Mr. Dowdy. Is that a "feature" of the building, or is that a use of the building? Do you see what I am getting at?

Mr. GREENE. Let me explain. The feature of the building is that it is constructed, this room is constructed and it isn't fireproof. The man is using this room in a very unsafe way. Therefore, the order is if he continues to use this for welding, he must provide the safe wall covering or floor covering or ventilation that is required in a welding proposition.

You have grating in the floor, you have openings, duct work sometimes in floors, where people have opening grating, and you will find that they are using basement levels for this, and women are walking through this building getting their heels caught in this open grating. Now originally, you didn't have women on this floor perhaps.

Mr. Dowdy. We have the same problem on sidewalks now.

Mr. GREENE. This is right, and this is public safety, which I think ought to be covered better.

Mr. Dowdy. Either that or else quit using spikes for heels.