

Mr. GREENE. That is true. I agree with you. If we could get them out of there, we have recommended this. It was only a recommendation, a change of footwear in certain locations, because they couldn't change anything else. But these are the things we have in mind that the building code doesn't cover.

Mr. DOWDY. Of course, you might say something about temporary features. Would that welding you were talking be where you would require a temporary change in the feature of a building, or would that be a permanent change?

Mr. GREENE. If the use would change, it could be temporary.

Mr. DOWDY. In talking about features, I suppose if I had a building here and wanted to put an elevator in it, which it didn't have, of course you have to make a foundation and some sort of support for the elevator and all that, but is that a feature?

Mr. GREENE. No. What we are referring to are things that involve the safety of the people working in the building.

Mr. DOWDY. An elevator might be that.

Mr. GREENE. It could be, but we have an elevator department that covers elevator inspection and how elevators should be erected.

Mr. DOWDY. Is that in your department?

Mr. GREENE. That is Licenses and Inspections, but there are certain features about elevators and how they are used, where we may order certain baffles or whatnot to keep peoples' hands in. We have had some serious amputations of hands on freight elevators because there weren't correct bafflings to knock peoples' hands in properly. There was nothing in the elevator code to cover this particular installation and you had this problem. By the erection of baffles and guards on these things, it eliminated the hazard at these particular locations.

I could give you one prime example of what I refer to, Mr. Dowdy. In a new building here in town, where a prominent, a very prominent federal agency is located, the building was issued a temporary occupancy permit for a certain number of floors. There was a fireman working for the District Government who was moonlighting as a building engineer. The fact that the people were in the building, it made it mandatory that they use the elevator rooms upstairs, the elevator control rooms, and the openings to all the heating and ventilation ductwork and places where they had to make adjustments.

This fellow one day walked into a room that had no lights in it whatsoever. There were no lights called for in the drawings. There were no lights installed. He walked into this building and proceeded to move around about eight feet, and he fell down a six-by-eight foot opening in that room and fell seven floors to the first floor and he was severely injured. Now, there was nothing in the building code requiring a railing at that opening.

When we got into it, we got hold of the owners of the building and said "If people must enter this room to perform their work, they must have a grating over this opening"—because air had to come and go through it—"or it might be provided with railings." They immediately put the railings up there. There was no conflict with the building code whatsoever by the addition of those railings.

If you look at the corner of 12th and F Street, you will see a building there that the Safeway store occupies. About two years ago, there was a door on the roof of that building that was located five feet from