

the edge of the roof. Any person that opened that door could have walked off that roof. There was not provision in the building code for a railing at that particular spot. We required the building owners to furnish a railing across that opening for the protection of the maintenance people that would come out there.

We have since worked out an arrangement with the building code where they have put this requirement in there, so all the architects that design will try to take these things into consideration, so they won't be so expensive for somebody to change later on.

Mr. Dowdy. We have talked about a lack of lights in a building, and something about ventilation.

Mr. GREENE. Yes.

Mr. Dowdy. Doesn't the Health Department have jurisdiction on ventilation and lights?

Mr. GREENE. In some places. The Health Department only has regulations in some areas.

Mr. Dowdy. In the buildings that we have mentioned here, about not having enough ventilation fans, would the Health Department have jurisdiction of that?

Mr. GREENE. They don't, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. Or a place where they didn't have any lights?

Mr. GREENE. They don't, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. They don't or they just don't use it?

Mr. GREENE. They don't have any regulations that cover this. They have a very broad regulation, one very broad regulation, and to my knowledge, the Health Department mainly goes in the beauty parlors, restaurants and hospitals.

Mr. Dowdy. My question is do they have the jurisdiction or the authority, not whether they use it or not.

Mr. GREENE. They may have authority. They just don't have the regulations for it.

Mr. Dowdy. Now we have talked about the use change of the buildings. The District of Columbia does issue occupancy permits, does it not, and the permit for the use is granted. Isn't there an inspection that is supposed to be made as to the suitability of that building for the use by somebody?

Mr. GREENE. No, sir.

Mr. KNEIPP. No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GREENE. It doesn't happen at all.

Mr. KNEIPP. The certificate of occupancy is issued under the authority of the Zoning Act. It is merely a question of Zoning. It has nothing to do with the use of the building from the standpoint of safety. It is purely a zoning question. Do the zoning regulations allow this kind of use at that location?

Mr. GREENE. And how many people they put in there is not a requirement, is not a consideration at that time. We have had places where they don't have adequate toilet facilities in the building for the workers in there. We have had places that didn't have any toilet facilities for the workers. Yet the building code permitted the building, at some stage of the game, for this.

Our regulations say that every person is entitled to toilet facilities and washing facilities, if they are to work there. So therefore, we have had to order toilets in certain buildings, and we have had no difficulty