

Mr. KING. As I say, it would only come into being in connection with the use then being made. It may be perfectly proper in its present form for the use for which it was originally intended.

Mr. JACOBS. Assuming they proceed with that use however, you do have under this feature of this bill, you do have the authority to order permanent structural changes in the building, under this word "feature."

Mr. KING. I think so, where it involves a question of safety.

Mr. JACOBS. And not just additional fixtures such as have been described.

Mr. KING. No.

Mr. SISK. Will my colleague yield at that point because I happen to have had some personal experience along this line. I don't want to put words in your mouth, but this would go, or your authority would go to a limitation of the use of that elevator.

Mr. KING. That is right.

Mr. SISK. And that is not unusual. I mean that is a common practice. Every elevator has a maximum use.

Mr. KING. Capacity.

Mr. SISK. That is your only authority. Now if they want to use it for something else, sure they are going to get a building permit to do something about it.

Mr. JACOBS. I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. Maybe other examples could be cited. As I read the language of this bill, under this bill your authority could order a permanent structural change under some circumstances in the building, is that correct?

Mr. GREENE. If it affected the safety of the employees using that equipment or building, it could involve that, but it would be done in conformance with the building code.

Mr. JACOBS. Let's just say that you found that either through deterioration of the building or through errors in the construction of the building that the structure itself was not safe, that it could not bear the stress.

Mr. GREENE. I would like to give you two examples of this so you can understand about this work. We had a man in Georgetown—

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Greene, I would like a specific answer to that question.

Mr. GREENE. Can you restate the question?

(Question read).

Mr. GREENE. And if employees were involved in this particular building, we would be involved in it, yes.

Mr. JACOBS. The question is, do you understand that under the provisions of this bill, you would have the authority to order structural changes in the building?

Mr. GREENE. Yes, but not specific structural changes. The structural changes that are made according to plan, would be done according to the building code. The failure in this whole picture is that the Department of Licenses and Inspections does not inspect work places whatsoever. They inspect houses, apartment houses and new buildings under construction, or anything that a permit is granted for.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Greene, I think you are discussing practices and I am discussing the language of this bill.