

Mr. GREENE. I am not an attorney. I can't specifically spell out what this language would mean.

Mr. JACOBS. I have the wrong man. Mr. King, would you respond.

Mr. KING. I think maybe I can.

Mr. JACOBS. Is it your interpretation of the language of this bill whether or not it does provide the statutory authority for your authority to order permanent structural changes in the building.

Mr. KING. It has that authority provided the use being made is endangering the employees. If a man ceases to have employees under those conditions, then the order would not be effective. It is only if he insists on saying "I am going to continue to use it in this fashion with my employees"—we can then say, you must make these changes.

Mr. JACOBS. I think that is understood. Then when you do make this order for permanent structural change in a building, it is your judgment that this does not conflict with any other building authority in the District of Columbia.

Mr. KING. No, because we would then go to the Building Department, get his permit and have to do it in accordance with the regulations.

Mr. JACOBS. Thank you.

Mr. SISK. Congressman Gude.

Mr. GUDE. Mr. Greene, you mentioned the jurisdiction of the Health Department as to say toilet and wash facilities. Do you presently, for example, have jurisdiction in buildings where industrial activities are carried on?

Mr. GREENE. Yes, sir.

Mr. GUDE. Do you oversee this question of toilet facilities? Do you issue orders in this regard?

Mr. GREENE. Yes, we do. Our regulations state a certain number of facilities for a certain number of employees. In laundries there is a different regulation involving that, and in regular fixed establishments there is a different regulation, and in construction there is an entirely different regulation, because these facilities are temporary.

But all facilities that we say we count heads in the place, so to speak, and see that the facilities are in there that conform with the Health Department regulations.

Now if there is a question, we feel that these toilets do not meet Health Department regulations, we call the Health Department, and then get them in on the situation. But the requirements in regularly fixed establishments, one toilet for every 15 or any part thereof, of employees, is a requirement in the plumbing code. It is a requirement in the Health Department Code. It is also a requirement in our general code. So there is no conflict on what the requirement is.

What we do get involved in is when we have a small number of employees, say two men and one woman, he feels this is a hardship having a toilet for this female. Therefore this is the time when he comes into the Board, and asks for a variation of these regulations, and at times these variations have been granted, in instances such as these.

Mr. GUDE. In other words, in an industrial site, you have simultaneous jurisdiction with the plumbing board and the health department, is that right?

Mr. GREENE. Very easily, yes.