

should include the necessary requirements for safety, so that at the time you are ready to occupy it, there is not a question raised of whether or not the occupancy is proper and you have to go back and make structural changes.

Mr. Dowdy. Then you see the same possible danger as Mr. Jacobs and I were talking about with the prior witnesses?

Mr. Schanabel. Yes, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. Of a conflict between the jurisdiction of various bureaus in the City Government.

Mr. Schanabel. Yes, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. Do you have the same thought about it that occurs to me, that a person for instance in your business should be able to go to one department and get the answers, rather than having conflicting decisions from various agencies that would affect you? Does that hurt your business to have possible conflicting authority in different agencies?

Mr. Schanabel. Yes, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. I would think so. Now, you had one statement in here that I wanted to ask about. You said this: "If this rule-making authority were limited to existing building, and structures which may have been constructed and used for a purpose other than a place of employment, but later converted to a place of employment, we see no problem."

I think I can see a problem. If you wanted to convert a place used for one purpose to a place of employment, wouldn't you have to get some kind of occupational permit or license to make that change?

Mr. Schanabel. I don't really believe so, Mr. Dowdy. I think if you were operating a particular type of say retail establishment, that it is conceivable that you would have the proper zoning and use some other type of installation in the same building, and that you might create an unsafe condition without requiring any structural changes in the building at all.

Mr. Dowdy. Perhaps I was thinking about the discussion that transpired with the prior witnesses and perhaps I did not incorporate enough into my question. The prior witnesses were testifying that changes had to be made, ventilation and I believe an elevator well was involved and different lighting. Changes of that character would have to be done to the building to make it suitable for the place of employment, when it was converted from one use to another. Would not licenses or permits have to be acquired to make those changes, to, for instance, put in an elevator shaft.

Mr. Schanabel. Sure you would need a permit to put in an elevator shaft.

Mr. Dowdy. There you would perhaps run into the same conflict with the people you get the permit from, to do the remodeling or changes to go into the new business, you would have to get a permit from one department, and then still have this Industrial Safety and Minimum Wage Board to contend with on the same problem?

Mr. Schanabel. It is conceivable, yes, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. I believe that is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Sisk. The gentleman from Maryland, Mr. Gude.

Mr. Gude. No questions.

Mr. Sisk. The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Jacobs.