

Mr. JACOBS. The question is on this proposed change that you have, regarding other structures, whether or not those other structures would include a wing added on to a building that was being converted, that would not strictly be a new building.

Mr. SCHNABEL. Yes, you need a permit for adding a wing.

Mr. JACOBS. I am sure you do, but the question is provided such rules and regulations "shall not apply to any building or other structure." Does your language "other structure," include a wing added on to a building or the elevator shaft that becomes an appendage to the building?

Mr. SCHNABEL. Mr. Jacobs, what we are concerned with is that somebody seeks to build an addition to a building, and they require a permit for this. They get approval for it. They go ahead and they proceed with it, and they have got the thing built.

At this point they begin to have employees in it, and at that point under this, they could find that they had a building that they could not use.

Mr. JACOBS. That is fine, but suppose you—

Mr. SCHNABEL. Now, I don't think we feel that that should apply to the remainder of the building that had been there for thirty years. I mean I think what we are concerned with is that this wing, for which a permit has been issued, and which has been built in accordance with an approved drawing and so forth, is usable, and is safe.

Mr. JACOBS. It is your opinion and the opinion of your counsel that the words "other structure" in the proposed change in this bill would cover the additions to existing building, that would require building permits, is that correct?

Mr. SCHNABEL. Yes.

Mr. GUDE. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. JACOBS. Yes.

Mr. GUDE. Would it clarify this to designate only where a permit has been issued under the Department of Buildings and Licenses?

Mr. JACOBS. I would think it would.

Mr. GUDE. This would delineate where the authority would be.

Mr. KNEIPPLE. Yes, I think that would much more adequately cover our problem.

Mr. SCHNABEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. If the gentleman will yield, in other words, I think what I probably have not yet made clear was that if you go in and work in an old building, you have got to have a permit for it, and instead of just applying this to any new building or other structure, you apply it where any kind of a building permit is required, to have that in your exception.

Mr. SCHNABEL. I don't think we would have any objection to that.

Mr. KNEIPPLE. I think that would adequately cover it, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. That it seems to me would be the logical thing to do, because then it would include all the instances where you have to have a building permit.

Mr. KNEIPPLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. Thank you.

Mr. KNEIPPLE. If there is that limitation on this proposed language, I think we would certainly have no objection to any rule-making authority within that, that is beyond this limitation you suggest, sir.