

Mr. KNEIPPLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. JACOBS. Between those with building permits and those who are charged specifically with industrial safety?

Mr. KNEIPPLE. There certainly could be. I don't know the extent of such conflicts.

Mr. JACOBS. I am sure that is quite a can of worms, Mr. Chairman. I don't think we can pursue it to its logical conclusion now but I think it is important to have that known.

Mr. JACKSON. May I just add one comment, Mr. Jacobs. I would suggest to everyone concerned that perhaps the easiest solution, and I think this is what Mr. Dowdy and you—

Mr. JACOBS. Sir, I think you should be cautioned that unless the Chairman orders it that this is not off the record.

Mr. JACKSON. I will speak for the record then.

Mr. SISK. If there is any enlightenment let's have it.

Mr. JACKSON. As I understand all the problems that you and Mr. Dowdy are trying to work out, there seems to be in your mind that there is a possibility on a given project whether it is new construction or existing construction of conflict between authority of let's say the Industrial Safety Board, you mentioned the Health Department, you forgot the Fire Marshal. He is the only one you forgot, and also you have your Building Permit Department. It seems only logical that all these agencies could simplify the matter, that before a permit would be issued, that they review the plans and specifications, and have a stamp on them that they have been reviewed.

If there is a conflict between the Building Code and the Industrial Safety Board, it could be resolved before new construction was started, or before renovation work started. This to me would simplify it. I think this is what you are all asking.

Mr. JACOBS. This is a very useful statement and I am delighted that it was not off the record, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Let me say to you gentlemen I appreciate your comments. Actually I agree that we want to be sure that whatever we do does not lead to confusion or to overlapping authority. I think you gentlemen will agree with reference to new construction, for example, a new building that is being constructed downtown, that the architect having charge of the design of that building and preparation of the structure prior to the time that a building permit is obtained of course has in mind, and I am sure does confer with, for example, the fire marshal. He has a responsibility, at least I know in my own state of California he would. In other words, he would not be an architect worthy of his name, and I have some personal interest because I have a son-in-law who is an architect and I know a little bit about the procedures, that before he had completed those plans for submission, he would have checked with the Industrial Safety Commission and he would have checked with reference to the fire regulations, he would have checked with reference to Health Department requirements, so that for the use that that building was intended to be constructed for, and so long as that use conformed to that purpose, then really once that permit was issued, there would be no problem. Isn't that generally true to your experience here in D.C.? I am talking now of new construction.

Mr. JACKSON. It is not a practice, no.