

Dr. GRANT. Yes, sir.

Mr. GUDE. In regard to the standards that are set forth in the COG model ordinance, you think these would be an improvement over what you currently have?

Dr. GRANT. Yes, sir, I think there is no question, Mr. Gude, we all agree these would be an improvement. I think the questions here relate to two points.

One, whether they are all immediately enforceable or enforceable within the time limit specified in the provisions of the bill as you rendered it; and, secondly, as I have indicated, whether it would be wise to specify specific regulations in light of the rather changing technology in this field which seems to me would render it more desirable to give the Commissioners the authority to enact these kinds of technical kinds of requirements plus amendments that might be required that would not necessitate us having to come back to Congress every time we wanted to make a change.

Mr. GUDE. Right now, from what we know today, would you see any major revisions in these standards that are essential to clean up the air?

Dr. GRANT. I think that I would have to refer that question, Mr. Gude, to some of our technical experts—Mr. John V. Brink, who is Chief of our Bureau of Public Health engineering.

Mr. BRINK. No, I think as a whole actually, Congressman, we in the District work very hard—have worked very hard on this model ordinance in Committees. We are a member of the Council of Governments and we think it is a good ordinance with maybe some revision in it so we could use it.

Mr. GUDE. Don't you feel that there is no doubt that the technology is going to change and if we said we are going to have a revision next January, then the January following we can always have more revisions because science is advancing. But isn't this a way to avoid getting down and actually getting started on what we know today and drawing standards and trying to work toward a solution?

Do you think this one-year exemption which can be extended serves notice on everyone else, industry and everyone else, you have to clean up.

Mr. BRINK. I think that is a valuable feature. The only question here would be is it desirable to have an exemption which you know is going to be extended and maybe extended indefinitely. But it is a desirable feature, certainly better than not having any.

Mr. GUDE. It is better to spell out in the law what is the proper standard, rather than avoiding standards, if you don't provide for some type of exemption.

Mr. WINN. I would like to ask Colonel Henson a question.

For quite a while I have heard there is an equipment shortage of certain types of pollution control machines.

Are you aware of this?

Have you run into this or had any industry say they cannot secure the equipment needed to control their own problems?

Commissioner HENSON. Sir, I have no firsthand knowledge on this particular question. Possibly some of the other people in the District Government here may be able to answer that.

Mr. WINN. I would like to ask any of the engineers or District people if this is true, and if it isn't, we ought to throw this line out.