

Mr. MULTER. Does your last reference refer to the bill, H.R. 12232? Have you seen that bill?

Dr. KAILIN. No. I was referring to H.R. 6981.

Mr. MULTER. You might look at that bill and then send us a supplemental statement to indicate your thoughts as to whether that is covered by your statement. If you want to add anything to your statement with reference to that bill, you may do so.

Dr. KAILIN. Thank you.

Mr. MULTER. Any questions?

Mr. WINN. Dr. Kailin, has the District of Columbia Medical Society run any tests?

Dr. KAILIN. Tests? No. Surveys? Yes.

Mr. WINN. What do you mean by surveys?

Dr. KAILIN. I was here last Thursday. I heard your questions.

Mr. WINN. I'm still looking for the answers.

Dr. KAILIN. I decided to do something about it, sir. In the last two days I have sent out 172 questionnaires. We handled it this way. I placed 16 questionnaires in an office, a member of one of my family in Suitland, Maryland. The question that we asked was, "Do you believe that air pollution causes eye irritation? Does it actually occur or do you believe it occurs?" So it is not a measurement of a physiological thing. With this approach of the 16 subjects, ten reported that in some circumstances air pollution did irritate their eyes. We asked a little bit further questions. "Is this only under special circumstances, such as being behind a bus or in a parking garage, or is it true of a more general area." 75% of the group, 12 of the 16, had symptoms under some circumstances. 44% of the group found—7 of the group told us they did have eye irritation in a more general area. We took 24 questionnaires asking the staff of a cancer clinic, at 23rd and Pennsylvania, these other nurses, the secretaries, the technicians, the medical students, the doctors, of those 24 people 15 in all felt that air pollution affected their eyes under some circumstances and 11 of them felt that the air in general on at least several occasions a year bothered their eyes.

Mr. MULTER. Without objection, copy of your questionnaire will be included in the record.

(The document referred to follows:)

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY OF EYE SYMPTOMS

Question: The D.C. Medical Society would like to know whether people feel that air pollution in the Washington Metropolitan area at times has an irritating effect on their eyes.

I. Have you felt such irritation in the last 12 months?

A. Not at all.

B. On one to three occasions

C. Four or more occasions

II. If you have noticed such irritation, do you associate eye irritation with:

A. A special local situation such as being behind a bus or in a parking garage?

B. Being almost any place in downtown Washington on a smoggy day?

C. In the suburbs of Washington on a smoggy day?

III. Do you know other people who live or work near you who have complained that air pollution irritates their eyes?

IV. Do you have an allergy to anything that affects your nose?