

Mr. MULTER. The point is, is air pollution so bad that we should legislate on it? We have legislated on smoking to the extent of requiring a caution on the package.

Dr. KAILIN. You cannot put a precaution on breathing, can you?

Mr. MULTER. Thank you.

Mr. GUDE. Doctor, in the first paragraph of your statement, you did mention damage to plant materials at specific levels of pollution and also specific levels in the occurrence of asthma as far as particular pollutants go.

Dr. KAILIN. Yes, that is right.

Mr. GUDE. This is the type of factual data that you can point to?

Dr. KAILIN. I can cite you literature on that and I can tell you the American Academy of Allergy has an active air pollution committee and we are getting verbal reports before they are being printed; all confirming the same point.

Mr. MULTER. Thank you. You have been very helpful.

Mr. MULTER. Mr. James Coulter.

(No response.)

Mr. MULTER. We have a letter from him, addressed to the Chairman, McMillan, which will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The letter follows:)

STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
Baltimore, Md., April 25, 1967.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, District of Columbia Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The General Assembly recently enacted and Governor Agnew has just signed a new Air Quality Control Act for Maryland. It is a strong, fair law and I believe a forerunner of the type of State legislation that is needed to control air pollution.

The success of the law and Maryland's program depend in large measure on the development of strong regional programs. Because we are committed to a coordinated local-State-Federal effort, the State of Maryland strongly supports the efforts of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in air pollution control.

Congressman Gude has introduced a bill, H.R. 6981, which is closely patterned to the model Act which the Council of Governments is sponsoring in the Washington Metropolitan area. Any assistance you can give in arranging for a prompt hearing of Congressman Gude's bill before the District of Columbia Committee will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance and help with air pollution and other environmental matters.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. COULTER,
Assistant Commissioner,
Environmental Health Services.

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Richard L. Counts, will you come forward please.

Mr. COUNTS. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, my name is Richard L. Counts. I am President of the Steuart Petroleum Company. This is Robert Smith, General Counsel, and Louis Via.

Mr. MULTER. You may be seated. You have quite a long statement. We will put it in the record in full. You can summarize it, or you may read it.

Mr. COUNTS. I would like to read it.

Mr. MULTER. Very good.