

Mr. BABSON. Dirty curtains is one thing. The dirt in the air is actually harming property. I suppose if I had to have my car washed—

Mr. WINN. Eleven billion dollars worth of dirty curtains?

Mr. BABSON. Having your car washed ten times a year more than you otherwise would if you lived in the country—I suppose there are many ways. This was about a year ago when that figure was given. That figure was given before a committee of Congress. Mr. Wertz is on our staff and is more familiar with this.

Mr. WERTZ (from the audience). That figure is in terms of crop damage, it's in terms of public buildings that would have to be cleaned by sand blasting, it's in terms of corrosion to metal, this type of damage. The eleven billion dollars is the national estimate for this type of damage. It's a rough guideline figure.

Mr. WINN. Wouldn't that be difficult to pinpoint?

Mr. WERTZ. I think you can contribute very easily such type of corrosion and damage to this.

Mr. WINN. I wouldn't disagree. Thank you.

Mr. MULTER. I wonder if you have identified yourself for the record.

Mr. WERTZ. My name is Richard Wertz. I am Director of Public Safety for the Council.

Mr. GUDE. What do you think is the responsibility of Congress, as the governing body for the District of Columbia, as far as the Federal installations here are concerned?

Mr. BABSON. Well, I feel Congress really has a responsibility here to take the lead in this area of air pollution. For example, I would urge that the action be taken quickly so we in the suburbs will know what type of ordinance to adhere to. For example in Fairfax County, we would like to know whether you are going to have the staggered provisions recommended or requested by the oil industry, so we could do likewise if this is deemed appropriate by Congress. Frankly it seems it may be reasonable. We would want to have the same provisions because the air doesn't stop flowing when it crosses a river or crosses a boundary. We do feel Congress should act in this area.

Mr. GUDE. In other words, set the standards, show the way and then let the local governing bodies take over?

Mr. BABSON. Yes.

Mr. MULTER. Thank you. Mr. McGrath.

Mr. WINN. I'd like to commend COG for the work they have done and for their very fine statement.

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Winn is talking for all of us.

Next is Mr. John A. McGrath. Identify yourself for the record, please.

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