

As far as the bleach or nonbleach characteristics are concerned, this deals primarily with whether you are doing pots and pans or tiles and so forth. The bleach in our scouring powder, as it is in most products that have bleach in them sold commercially, is intended primarily for the cleaning of sinks and other things where stains occur and the bleach takes the stain out.

With regard to your observation on lawnmowers, certainly if an individual had a sloping area such as you have in your particular yard, I think you would be very concerned that it not tip. Frankly, I am not. I have a different problem from you, and this is my point. My yard is reasonably level and I would not go to the additional expense of a nontipping lawnmower. It does not mean that much to me. In addition, my lawn does not have any ruts in it and I have bought a lawnmower which would not qualify under our specification and I am perfectly satisfied with it.

I do not think we ought to impose on people the additional expense attendant with doing what the government thinks is necessary. Bear in mind what we are trying to do in this endeavor of ours. It is to cut down on the number of items we have in our system. As we said before, true, some lawns may be level and some sloping, some ratty and everything else, but we only have one style mower; not one to suit everyone's purpose. It is also common knowledge that government property does not receive the care and attention you and I give our personal property. Therefore, it must be built differently. It must be able to withstand a wide number of people operating it, not all of whom necessarily care much about that particular piece of equipment.

Again, we have this information available and, certainly, if the committee, in its wisdom, feels that the information that you have been able to garner from this hearing would be helpful. I want to assure the committee we stand ready and able to help to the extent we can.

Mr. BARASH. With your permission, Mr. Chairman, might we insert in the appendix to the record the abstracts of the specifications that the staff has prepared so that the public might judge whether there is any valuable information contained within those specifications?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I think it would be useful.

(The information referred to can be found in the appendix.)

Mr. BARASH. There is a publication of the General Services Administration for the guidance, I gather, of other Federal agencies entitled "Cleaning, Waxing, and Maintenance of Soft Floors." I would just like to add the observation that I found a wealth of material in this particular booklet and I wonder whether similar booklets might not be prepared on other products for the use of consumers.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Is this publication only for the Federal Government? It is not for general consumption?

Mr. ABERSFELLER. No, although we would be pleased to make it available.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. If someone would pick up the tab for the printing.

Mr. ABERSFELLER. Yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you very much. The subcommittee stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:20 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.)