

the Federal water planning policies are really made. We do not make them in my Department. The Corps of Engineers does not make them. The Federal Water Resources Council is the real water planning agency.

It is functioning well. It started off slowly, but they are working over there every day. My Department and the Corps of Engineers, for example, both find that neither of us can act independently any more. We have to work much more closely together. And the Water Resources Council is going to be calling the shots more increasingly in terms of important national policy.

This is a second very important development.

I am Chairman of that Council. I also serve as the Federal member on the Delaware River Basin Commission. I was designated by the President to represent the Federal Government in this area. And this apparently is going to be an increasing function.

REORGANIZATION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS

The third very important development, perhaps the most vital of all in terms of any department, and this committee—and the chairman of this subcommittee—management functions of the Federal Government were centered in a single department. I think this was a very wise decision. This, more than anything else, made my Department national because we are dealing in this program with all the water of the Nation, with all 50 States, with all of the cities. This was a very vital step.

Now, Mr. Chairman, we get down to the problem of what action should be taken if the Department of Interior is, in truth, as close to a Department of Natural Resources as exists in the Western World, if I may put it that way. Of course, you could proceed by simply changing the name to describe what the department is, in fact, doing.

DEPARTMENT OPERATES AS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

I think my Department has a sense of mission today that it did not have 7 years ago in that it is no longer a loose aggregation of bureaus that are carrying on various functions. We feel that our mission is the conservation of the Nation's resources, developing a concept of steward-