

much confusion. Well, there is some confusion of the things we might clear up if we could get the Government better organized so that the whole citizenry knows where to go to get an answer that is the Government's answer, and it is not going to be different down the hall or wherever else he goes.

Secretary UDALL. Well, Senator, you are absolutely right, in my judgment. You know, life is becoming more complex. That is the dynamism of modern life. That means Government has become complex. The only way we can combat this in terms of governmental organization is to constantly be organizing and to be simplifying. And I think that is the essence of your proposal. That is the essence of the work of this committee, and I am pleased that this President that I now serve has been very reorganization minded. I think he has done more than almost anyone in this century. There have been two new departments. He has been very positive in terms of reorganization. And I think this has been a morning very well spent, as far as I am concerned.

Senator MOSS. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator RUBINOFF. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

works functions of the Army Corps of Engineers, Secretary Udall reads in under section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act of approving the plans for dams or other structures affecting navigation for which a license is sought from the Federal Power Commission; the Forest Service and the watershed protection and flood prevention functions of the Department of Agriculture; the National Oceanographic Data Center and all nonmilitary functions of the Secretary of the Navy which are being administered through the Center; the functions of the National Science Foundation under Title II of the Marine Resources and Engineering Development Act of 1966 relating to sea grant programs; and the functions of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under the Clean Air Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

The bill would transfer from this Department to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare the functions now handled by the Secretary of the Interior with respect to Indian Affairs and Territories.

The Department of the Interior has, from its creation in 1849, evolved from a sort of "Home Department" that was primarily interested in the care of our lands and territories in the West into a Department that has interests that are national and international in scope and reach into the everyday lives of all our citizens. The present responsibilities of the Department have led some of us to refer to the Department as the Department of Natural Resources because of the scope of activities now carried on by the Department.

We know that the dynamic strength of a forward-looking America depends upon the full and creative development of our Nation's natural resource base—our mineral wealth, our vast plains, our timber-laden forests, our rivers, streams, and lakes, our irreplaceable wildlife, and our scenic and recreational resources.