

days. What is happening here? If nobody knows now, maybe you should check it?

Dr. BUCKLEY. I am sure, Congressman, not all the decisions are made in any one place in the Bureau of the Budget, not all of the preliminary decisions. The final decisions are always made in the same place. But I suspect those tend to be only the major ones. Certainly each of the individual agencies takes these matters through the respective examiners for that agency.

Mr. FULTON. That is correct, but again, with the chairman's permission, how do we get these decisions collected in a way that they are balanced? How do you make judgments not just on the fiscal procedures, accounting, and bookkeeping, but on a technical competence? How is that done?

Would you put a statement in the record on that and let it go? Obviously the people who are feeding the information into the Bureau of the Budget do not know what happens to it once it gets in.

Dr. BUCKLEY. Certainly, to some extent the Office of Science and Technology and many of its staff members participate in advising the Bureau of the Budget at the time decisions are made. So here is another way in which it is done. But I am not prepared to tell you what weight is given to any pieces.

Mr. FULTON. Is the decisionmaking process not on fiscal and accounting bases, but technical competency as among systems? I will appreciate it if you put it in the record.

Mr. DADDARIO. You asked if you could with my permission. I would like to comment on it. I have no objection to it. I do think from the standpoint of Dr. Buckley's testimony he has explained to us as a member of this committee he is putting together this information, but because of this difference in language that they do have a problem.

I would expect that the Bureau of the Budget has the same problem, unless they understand all of the language. If they do, it would be much clearer. So we can assume they do not.

Mr. FULTON. I did not want to go that far in my criticism, but I certainly wanted to put my finger on the focal point of where the problems come together once the information is obtained, which seems to be the Bureau of the Budget.

May I ask some short questions about your form here? You have the effects of pollution. Then you have, under "environment," fresh water. I understand by fresh water you mean bodies of water, either ponds, lakes, streams, creeks, rivers; is that right?

Dr. BUCKLEY. That is correct.

Mr. FULTON. And that by eutrophication I imagine you mean both artificial and natural feeding of that pond.

Dr. BUCKLEY. What we intended was to simply use that as an example of the kind of thing which affected not only an organism in the water but which affected the system of water as a whole, and we meant the same kind of questions, though there are not any catch words of the sort to apply to the others.

Mr. FULTON. You meant artificial and natural?

Dr. BUCKLEY. We meant understanding of the whole system of environment here in this case and not this alone. That was intended as an example rather than an individual specific item itself.

Mr. FULTON. So you mean eutrophication of the pollutants and not atrophication of the nutrients?