

We have, as a matter of fact, with the Commerce Technical Advisory Board Report on Electric Powered Vehicles, involved Commerce. The Department of Transportation, as well as HUD are involved with HEW.

As an example, the Bureau of the Budget is bringing together the several elements in a few days to discuss this particular problem of motor vehicle pollution as it affects the total environment. It seems to me these are the mechanisms that are extant that can be exercised by the executive branch.

Mr. BROWN. I recognize that the devices that you described are being used to secure the type of focus that we need and no system is going to be perfect. Obviously we don't expect that, but we do expect something that is logical.

In connection with your work in California, did the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board report to the Department of Health in California or some other organization?

Dr. MIDDLETON. It reported directly to the Office of the Governor. It was responsive to the Governor's Office.

Mr. BROWN. I have no further questions.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. Middleton, could we then proceed with Dr. Blomquist?

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DADDARIO. I am sorry, I did not know that you wanted to be called on, Mr. Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. I realize the time is late but, Dr. Middleton, as you know, during congressional consideration of the Clean Air Act of 1967, I argued for a different approach from the one adopted by the Congress. I felt that the approach adopted by the Congress was too State oriented and would result in a number of built-in delays. What I would like to ask, referring to page 6 of your testimony, you state that the Department will designate air quality control regions. I think the Department also is required under the act to designate atmospheric areas and define them.

Could you tell us what the timetable is for this? Before we can get State action and before the States submit plans and statutes, there are certain steps that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has to take. Can you give us specifically what you see as your timetable?

You already designated atmospheric regions.

Dr. MIDDLETON. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ryan, in response to the Congress' wishes, we have placed special emphasis on key items. One of these is the description of atmospheric areas. The atmospheric areas of the United States have already been described and published in the Federal Register, I believe January 10.

Mr. RYAN. What is the next step?

Dr. MIDDLETON. The next step is to designate air quality control regions in which the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will have areas of particular concern on the health and welfare. May I refer especially to the fact that this may or may not involve a compact between the States, agreements between the States or among themselves, but call attention to the fact when one deals with compacts with States, that under section 102(c) there is a particular item of interest perhaps to you.