

Mr. DARNAY. This table might be slightly misleading. It shows beverage containers that are produced. It does not necessarily show all the beverage containers that are in circulation. In 1966 there were about 68 billion beverage containers in existence. In 1976 the figure will be 82 billion. The returnables are cycled back and forth and as a consequence they do not show up in exactly the same ratio as they exist. But about 2.5 billion were made in the year 1966. I think that might clarify some of the figures.

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Chairman, may I add one more comment to what I have said? We have a saying back home if you want to get along with somebody, keep your hands off his wife and his pocketbook.

I believe this gentleman made the statement a while ago that there seems to be an inclination on the part of some small communities to go it alone and not to adopt a regional aspect.

I am familiar with that. The reason for that is you are trying to get your hands on a man's pocketbook when you tell him he has to pay more money for garbage collection. That is implicit in all of these annexation problems we have.

For example, in the south end of my district, if you will forgive me for keeping on referring to my own problems, we have what we call the Stop Atlanta Movement, which is on the south end. It is just a question of a man's pocketbook. It costs more money to have garbage picked up, or solid waste disposed of, if you want to phrase it that way. That is just one of the human aspects of the problem that has to be conquered. It is just a matter of enlightenment as one way of looking at it.

Mr. DADDARIO. I think Mr. Davis has added something to this discussion which is necessary, because he has been touching on the development of consciousness on the part of people as well as the development of a national conscience. When we were developing our report on the adequacy of technology for pollution abatement, and went into this question of solid waste, we had a key phrase which calls to mind the importance of that. I will just quote it because I think it fits exactly in here. It is "Whether the intrusion of Washington will engender a permanent increase in local consciousness and conscience remains to be demonstrated." That is really the job of you people who have been charged with this to develop the answer to that particular proposition that we proposed prior to the passage of this legislation.

Mr. MILLER. If I may make this comment: I do not think it is such an impossible thing.

It was not so long ago that out in our part of the country we did not take air pollution very seriously. In about a decade we have become pretty well conscious of it. I think in a decade you could do a lot to educate people in this field.

Mr. DADDARIO. I do not assume, Mr. Chairman, that it is impossible, but I do think it is important to stress the point Mr. Davis raised, because it appeared to this committee at the time we made this investigation that this was one of the great problems.

In order to be able to achieve a favorable situation so that this does not become an impossible task we must develop a consciousness on the part of the people.

Dr. Hibbard.