

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10:08 a.m., in room 2325, Rayburn House Office Building, the Honorable Emilio Q. Daddario (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. DADDARIO. This meeting will come to order.

Our first witnesses today are colleagues who have introduced bills concerning a Council on Environmental Quality and a Council of Ecological Advisers.

These concepts are very interesting to me, and I am pleased to see the thoughtful work which has gone into their preparation.

I would point out the train of thought which is contained in these recommendations coincides somewhat with suggestion of a technology assessment board as indicated in H.R. 6698.

We have had considerable discussion of all kinds here of a super-agency management coordination function, and I frankly have not reached any firm conclusions as to the exact form of structure which would best meet the problem. Therefore, I am pleased to have the opportunity to hear from my colleagues who have given a great deal of time and attention to this.

Congressman John D. Dingell, of Michigan, has been an ardent champion of the environment for many years. The viewpoints which he has brought to conservation policy have been enlightening and persuasive. Therefore, it is no surprise to me to see his great interest in this particular field.

Congressman Dingell is also an old friend who has appeared before this committee before. We have always found his testimony to be of great interest and of great help to us in our deliberations.

Mr. Dingell, we will be very happy to hear from you at this moment and recognize that you are in a rush to go off somewhere else.

(The text of H.R. 7796, introduced by Mr. Dingell, and H.R. 13211, introduced by Mr. Tunney, follows. H.R. 14605, introduced by Mr. Matsunaga, and H.R. 14627, introduced by Mr. Corman, are identical to H.R. 13211.)

[H.R. 7796, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To establish a Council on Environmental Quality, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Environmental Quality Act of 1967".