

John, we welcome you here. As the chairman of the subcommittee, I have a particular fondness for the gentleman from California, because his early and formative years, which we believe have added to his capabilities and strength, took place in Connecticut.

We look to him as the supporting Congressman from Clearfield County which he knows so well, and which knows him so well. I have found over the course of time that we in Connecticut, as well as the people in California, have every reason to be proud of the gentleman.

I am especially pleased he has taken such great interest, as Mr. Dingell and Mr. Matsunaga have, in the problems of our environment. It shows a growing tendency on the part of the Congress to be concerned not only with the impact of pollution on our environment, but with an overall problem. We cannot separate water, soil, and air pollution, one from the other as we have.

Mr. Tunney, in his statement and in his private conversations with me, has been particularly concerned about the way these things are managed—how do we, in fact, put together the structure of these things and apply our best talents and resources to come to a solution about these problems before they become disastrous.

Mr. Tunney, we are happy to have you here and happy to hear you.

**STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN V. TUNNEY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FROM CALIFORNIA**

Mr. TUNNEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't tell you what a great pleasure it is for me to appear before your committee because perhaps more than any other man in Government you have shown leadership that I think is going to be needed to bring about a resolution of our environmental problems, and the one sad note that I have about my residence in Connecticut is that I didn't come from a district where I could have voted for you because you were in Congress while I was still in Connecticut, and unfortunately I came from a different county. But I want you to know that the nutmeg as a part of my early life certainly has helped me take care of the citrus farmers out in California. You are very gracious to allow me to make a few remarks today about H.R. 13211, my bill to create a Council of Ecological Advisers.

I would like to say that my statement is rather long, and if it could be made a part of the record I would like to just make a few excerpted remarks from my statement.

Mr. DADDARIO. Without objection it will be entered into the record.

Mr. TUNNEY. I feel perhaps Congressman Dingell also should be mentioned as a great leader in this effort. His bill which was introduced before mine certainly is the pilot light which inspired me and my bill is but a refinement, in my opinion, of his legislation, and he certainly is to be complimented for his imagination and initiative in this area.

I feel that whether we have a council of environmental advisers or a council with ecological advisers makes no difference, but what we