

Hughes Aircraft Co.:

I have read with interest and approval the print of H.R. 13211 which you provided, and your speech of 27 September 1967, which introduced the measure to the Congress. I endorse the principal thrust of your proposal and will be interested to observe its progress.

W. H. Pickering, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory:

The matter of environmental control with which you have concerned yourself in H.R. 13211 is unquestionably one of vital and immediate concern.

The letter continues for four pages and I strongly urge each member to read it.

Athelstan Spilhaus, president of the Franklin Institute:

I was greatly cheered by the imaginative and comprehensive approach of H.R. 13211, the "Ecological Advisers Act of 1967."

He then spells out in some detail his ideas for solutions to the problems.

Prof. Norton Nelson, chairman of the New York University Medical Center, Institute of Environmental Medicine:

Your proposed Council of Ecological Advisers goes directly to this point; the need is real and urgent.

Dr. James H. Steiner, medical director of Eastman Kodak Co.:

Although it has been my privilege to give testimony on a number of occasions on proposed legislation, I cannot remember a single instance when, even though I favored the proposed bill, I did not have at least minor modifications to suggest. Consequently it is a real pleasure to tell you that I am enthusiastic about H.R. 13211, and would strongly urge its enactment, as one of the most important and constructive actions which the Congress and the President can take.

The managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association:

It seems to us that the time is ripe for the type of National Council of Advisers your bill proposes.

Roy E. Peterson, Litton Systems, Inc.:

I am in complete agreement with this proposed legislation since I firmly believe that a comprehensive ecological approach, one stressing cost/benefit as well as cost/effectiveness represents the only intelligent response to our total problem.

There are many other letters, Mr. Chairman, which I could read, but which I know the committee doesn't have time for me to read, that I would like to introduce into the file, because I think that they are pertinent.

It seems that there is almost unanimous support from people who do have a concern about this problem, that something should be done and should be done now.

We just can't afford to wait until our environment becomes so polluted that it changes the basic ecology of the world, of our planet, and, therefore, I am particularly pleased that you are holding these hearings, that you have such a tremendous interest in the problem, and are really popularizing this concept for the Nation.

Mr. DADDARIO. The service you have rendered, Mr. Tunney, not only in your statement but the indication of support by the letters that you have given us is important because it shows the dialog developing of an important kind. People are becoming interested.

Congressman Dingell, Matsunaga, and others in Congress are developing a relationship which is extremely important.