

the form of the 1965 Water Quality Act and the Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966. The President has responded with a clear mandate for clean water. So from every echelon and from every walk of like response is being heard in answer to the call for clean water.

We have come a long way since the first national water pollution control legislation was first hammered out right here in this committee. We are now gearing up for the national effort to clean up our all-important waters. Generations of gross neglect have finally caught up with us and we are faced with the moment of truth.

As we start these hearings, there are encouraging signs that we are winning the cause for clean water. But there is so much to be done and we need to muster strength from every corner. Much of that strength to bolster and to buttress the cause for clean water at every level will come from concerned people like yourselves. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to your contribution in the strides forward for clean water.

We would like to welcome our former colleague, the distinguished Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall, and your distinguished panel of experts which include:

Max Edwards, Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water Pollution Control;

Joe G. Moore, Jr., Commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, Department of Interior;

Phillip S. Hughes, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget; and

David Finnegan, Assistant Legislative Counsel with the Department of Interior.

Mr. Secretary, will you please proceed at will, and you will be open to questions, and questions directed to areas of specific interest, concern, or need clarification, either you or your associates can handle it.

Mr. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF HON. STEWART L. UDALL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; ACCOMPANIED BY HON. MAX N. EDWARDS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL; HON. JOE G. MOORE, JR., COMMISSIONER, FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; PHILIP S. HUGHES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET; AND DAVID FINNEGAN, ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Secretary UDALL. Mr. Chairman, I have a prepared statement. I would like for it to appear in its entirety in the record as if read.

Mr. BLATNIK. It will be so included.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. STEWART L. UDALL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I welcome this opportunity to appear, in response to your invitation, to discuss with the committee the need for new legislation to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of the Nation's waters.

It has been not quite two years since I became, with the assent of Congress, the Federal officer with primary responsibility to protect the quality of America's