

same borrowing cost to the local community at about 30 percent or an average less cost to the Federal Government.

Mr. BLATNIK. You have answered my question that I had on page 5 where the Secretary states:

It would not be good policy to apply this guarantee to tax-exempt bonds. And at the bottom of page 5, the statement:

The use of taxable rather than tax-exempt bonds would also be significantly cheaper for the Federal Government, even with the interest subsidy.

We will need obviously much more briefing and discussion and explanation on the financing aspects.

With the number of witnesses, I would like to sort of move along Mr. Jones.

SOLID WASTE: RELATED TO WATER POLLUTION

Mr. JONES. Mr. Chairman, just a brief question.

Mr. Secretary, during the development of our water resource program we have moved to satisfy the public requirements. We started off with flood control and navigation. And we added hydroelectric power. Then we proceeded to recognize the competitive need of better quality of water. We have recognized the importance of recreation.

All of those factors went into the great and enormous problem of dealing with our water resources in a prudent and wise manner.

However, we have done it to satisfy the immediate needs and have not in all instances made long-range plans. Now we are considering an acceleration of water quality protection for municipalities, political subdivisions. But it seems to me that there has been great neglect of dealing with solid waste disposal, which is an integral part of the municipal function, in dealing with the problem of waste disposal along with water pollution.

Do you not think it is time for the Federal Government and the Congress to consider this enormous problem in relationship to water pollution abatement?

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, I certainly say without question that is one of the major conservation problems that we are not attacking head on at the present time. And I would certainly agree with you that we need to give it the attention that it deserves.

We as a rich society have enormous productivity. We produce an enormous amount of waste.

Mr. JONES. We have had numerous instances in the Great Lakes area, particularly of disposal problems, that the larger municipalities are faced with in the Great Lakes area. We also recognize the part that solid waste disposal has played in the eutrophication in the lakes area.

It seems to me that it would be necessary for us to give thought to this connection; because if we are going out and say we are just going to deal with water abatement programs, then 5 years we are coming back and we are going to deal with solid waste disposal, and then we are going to have to have new moneys for that, then the price tag is certainly going up.

I think that we could at this time give attention to that question.

Secretary UDALL. I certainly agree with you.

Mr. JONES. Thank you.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Wright.