

sively, to build a system of protection and restoration. I would hope that this program would be accompanied by a longer range research effort, to yield an understanding of these processes, so that we can in the future design our civilization and our technology in ways that do not harm our environment. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For the present, let us spend without delay enough to do the job. For the future, let us establish the facts and the policies, so that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

Mr. STEIGER. Along with the record of the informal hearings on the legislation in which I am most interested and on which I ask your favorable action, H.R. 13312, that were held in Neenah, Wis., on February 10, a copy of which has been submitted to the committee.

Mr. WRIGHT. Without objection that document will appear as an official exhibit in the hearings of the committee, and incorporated by reference.

(Documents referred to may be found in the committee files.)

Mr. STEIGER. Mr. Chairman, I will only urge that this committee take the same kind of action that the Senate took when it passed S. 2760. It included what has been known as the Clean Lakes Act as a portion of that overall pollution bill.

The problem of our inland lakes is a critical problem. The need for additional research and demonstration projects I think is well recognized and very, very important to our whole total pollution effort. I think that the House would do exceedingly well, quite frankly, were it to adopt the bill in the form as I have introduced it, as have other members of the House, which was recommended by the Department of the Interior, which does slightly differ from that from which was used by the Senate.

I appreciate the fact that this committee is holding these hearings and is as interested as it has been for so long in this problem. Its leadership I think is just fantastic and most commendable. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the fact that you would allow me this opportunity to make this presentation.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Steiger, the committee appreciates your continuing interest in this matter. You always have exhibited creative and constructive leadership and we are grateful for you sharing these thoughts with us.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Loring F. Oeming is the executive secretary to the Michigan Water Resources Commission.

Mr. Oeming, if you will move forward, the committee will be pleased to hear your testimony at this point.

**STATEMENT OF LORING F. OEMING, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
MICHIGAN WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION, LANSING, MICH.**

Mr. OEMING. Thank you.

May I ask that the complete statement that I have been entered into the record of this hearing, Mr. Chairman? I have provided copies to member of your staff.

Mr. WRIGHT. Without objection, the statement will appear at this point in the record.