

My statement does not specifically deal with that, but I make that recommendation separately.

Mr. McCARTHY. You say this is not in your statement. I wonder if you could enlarge on that and tell us why you feel this could be done?

Admiral TRIMBLE. My statement deals only with S. 2760, H.R. 15906, and similar bills dealing with the oil pollution question. It was not prepared to deal with the waste from watercraft, which is also being considered by the committee today.

I merely wanted to point out that it had been concluded, because of the Coast Guard's almost total involvement with vessel operations, that the same principle should be applied, should be included in the bills dealing with waste from watercraft.

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR H.R. 16207 (H.R. 13923, S. 2525) FOR DIVISION OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH DIVISION CONTEMPLATED WITH REGARD TO S. 2760 AND RELATED BILLS

Sec. 11. (a) For the purpose of preventing pollution of the navigable waters of the United States from vessels—

(1) The Secretary shall issue regulations, in consultation with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, and consistent with maritime safety and the marine and navigation laws and regulations, (A) establishing water quality and conservation objectives and standards, including the substances and matter and the quantities thereof which the Secretary determines will have a significant deleterious effect on the public health and welfare, to prevent contaminating discharges from vessels; and (B) which permit or prohibit discharges in quantities, under conditions, and at times and locations which he deems appropriate, after taking into consideration the deleterious effects of such discharges on the public health, recreation, and fish and wildlife. When the regulations issued under this paragraph permit the discharge of substance or matter which may constitute a potential obstruction to navigation in the navigable waters of the United States, other than in places where the Secretary of the Army authorizes discharge or dumping without permit, such regulations shall in no way relieve a discharger from the requirement for a permit issued by, or other requirements, of the Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers pursuant to his existing authority.

(2) The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue regulations which are consistent with the regulations issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection and with maritime safety and the marine and navigation laws and regulations, governing procedures, methods, and equipment to prevent contaminating discharges from vessels.

(b) The regulations issued under this section shall prescribe reasonable schedules for compliance, after taking into consideration the cost for compliance, the state of the art for devices and methods to prevent pollution, and other practical considerations. Schedules for compliance may distinguish between new and existing vessels, and may give special consideration to vessels conforming to previous State requirements or conforming to recommended levels of control set forth in the Handbook of Sanitation and Vessel Construction, Public Health Service, 1965.

(c) Before any regulations under this section are issued, the Secretary and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall consult with the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Secretary of Defense; the Secretary of Commerce; other interested Federal agencies; and the States and industries interested. After regulations are issued, the Secretary and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall afford all interested persons and public and private agencies and organizations a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon before they become effective.

(d) Any manufacturer of a device which is designed to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated sewage or other pollutant from vessels in accordance with any standards prescriber under subsection (a) (1) of this section may request the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to approve such device.