

First, I want to congratulate you for your leadership in this field, but I am a little concerned about this 3-mile/12-mile-and-beyond jurisdiction. How do you propose to get jurisdiction to control the 12-mile limitation?

Mr. KEITH. The administration bill does not go beyond the 12-mile limit because they were concerned, I believe, about the assessment of liability, the action that I referred to by the American Petroleum Institute where they stress the liability for the damage that may result from offshore pollution. And just because they cannot find the guilty party or cannot get compensation for an action that took place beyond the 12-mile limit does not mean that we do not have a responsibility for those people who are affected by the shore floating within—by the oil that floats within the 12-mile limit. And if we can get out there and take corrective action prior to the oil coming to the shoreline, we may protect the shortline itself. And I believe we should be interested in that problem out there as well as inshore.

Mr. HARSHA. But do we have jurisdiction out there?

Mr. KEITH. Nobody else has any better jurisdiction and if we can prove a present danger; nobody else is going to object to our taking action.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HARSHA. I do not have the floor.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Clausen.

Mr. CLAUSEN. First of all, I do want to compliment the gentleman for again appearing before this committee on the matter of interest as expressed in his testimony.

But I believe he has certainly touched on a very serious point, and that is the question of jurisdiction over many matters. This is just one of them beyond the 3- and the 12-mile limitation. And I think that the Congress and the appropriate committees of the Congress are going to have to give some more serious consideration to the jurisdictional question so that in the future we can deal with the problems that do exist out there. And so I just want to compliment the gentleman again for taking the time to present his point of view as one of the members who represents a coastal district.

Thank you very much.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Mr. Clausen.

Any further questions?

Thank you, Mr. Keith.

Our next witness is my good personal friend, Congressman Hanley, from New York. I served with him on the Veterans Committee.

We are glad to have you, Mr. Hanley.

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STATEMENT OF HON. JAMES HANLEY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Mr. HANLEY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the committee.

As I walked into your crowded hearing room this morning, I thought: My, isn't it nice, all of these people have assembled to hear