

Mr. HANLEY. In my guests for assistance on this matter several years ago, I was advised that the provision does not exist for this particular endeavor within the present law. This advice was given me both by the Department of the Interior and the other responsible segments of Government.

I might comment further that in conference with Secretary Udall on this, again he termed it competitive legislation, reflecting on the fact that up until this point we do not have such a tool within our framework, that we have devoted our efforts majorly to the field of antipollution and up to this point really have not needed this particular type of instrument.

Mr. DORN. Congressman McCarthy.

SMALL LAKE PROBLEM WARRANTS ATTENTION

Mr. McCARTHY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to welcome our distinguished colleague from New York. I recall when I was a boy I used to go down with my family to Onondaga Lake, which at that time was a pristine, lovely lake, utilized for every conceivable recreational pursuit. And in recent years, in my visits to Syracuse, I really noticed the visible deterioration of the lake. And I must say that in my most recent visits, everybody is talking about the leadership that Congressman Hanley has provided. He is really the first one to come forward to mobilize an effort to save and restore Onondaga Lake.

It seems to me that if there is nothing in the present law to direct efforts to the smaller lakes, that we should give some serious thought to Congressman Hanley's bill and see if some of its provisions could not be enacted, because as he mentions, there are so many of these small lakes, and if we are overlooking them, I think we ought to dig into it.

I just want to assure my friend from New York, my very good friend, that I will have your bill with me and as we get into the mark-up sessions, hopefully we can focus on this problem of the small lake.

I want to thank you very much for your very valuable time.

Mr. HANLEY. I am greatly appreciative for the observation of my friend and colleague from Buffalo.

I liken this situation with that of an automobile engine which has been destroyed because of lack of oil or perhaps improper gasoline. Now, it is not going to do us any good to put oil in the crankcase or perhaps put premium gas in the tank. The engine has been destroyed. So before it is going to be usable again we have to take it apart and replace the affected parts and put it back together again. And so is the case with the destroyed body of water. This particular one, I might add, as you well know, is located actively in part within the confines of city limits. They have a population of approximately one-half million people. A lake 4½ miles long by about 1½ miles wide, which has been destroyed for about 6 years, and it seems so sad and pathetic. Here within close proximity of this type of population that a body of water that could be serving such a wonderful recreational purpose is lost.

Again, my appreciation for your observation.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Congressman Hanley.

Mr. HANLEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.