

might cause pollution when the ship rusts out or what-have-you, corrodes out? A number of those are off the coast of the United States, a number of them off the coast of Florida, and a number of them are off the coast of New Jersey.

Mr. POLANCO-ABREU. That is true.

Mr. CRAMER. As I gather, this bill does not cover that situation.

Mr. WATKINS. That is correct, sir. Perhaps the Committee might want to take that into consideration in drafting what I suppose would be an omnibus bill to correct this situation.

Mr. CRAMER. Likewise, as I understand the bill, if you do not know the cause—that is, if you have not found the culprit—then there is no remedy at all.

Mr. WATKINS. That would appear so. And I would think that the Federal Government, in that case, might have made arrangements to do the cleaning, to repair damage, and to decontaminate.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, talking about setting up revolving funds, and these recoveries.

Mr. WATKINS. Right, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. But the uses of the recoveries fund itself are very limited. And it seems to me this Hawaii situation—they do not know what caused that—so there would be no remedy for the Hawaiian present beach contamination problem.

Mr. WATKINS. In that event I would think that the revolving fund could bear the cost of the cleaning up operations.

Mr. CRAMER. So it just seems to me that the bill does not have an application to many of these problems that now exist or may come into existence.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Mr. Cramer.

Any further questions of the gentlemen?

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Once again I want to thank you gentlemen from Puerto Rico for appearing before the committee. He always makes a very fine presentation.

JURISDICTION ON THE HIGH SEAS

I wonder if it would be possible for you or your administrative assistant to direct yourself to the question of jurisdiction, how to handle matters of this type in those areas that are beyond the 3- or 12-mile limitation.

Now, this gets into the question of international law and not only do we have problems that deal with pollution but there are many other problems for those of us that represent coastal congressional districts, and of course you are in this category. I wonder if you feel that this might be taken up through the Organization of American States, hopefully to develop a position to extend the limitation of our Continental Shelf, or something like this. Could you direct yourself to this?

Mr. POLANCO-ABREU. Yes.

Mr. DORN. If you do not have the answer right with you, you can always present it for the record later.

Mr. POLANCO-ABREU. Even though I am a lawyer I am not a specialist in international law, but I would be willing to study this