

Mr. KNOWLTON. Excuse me, Mr. McCarthy. May I give one further answer to Mr. McEwen?

Mr. McCARTHY. Yes.

#### NO COMPLAINTS OF UNFAIR COMPETITION

Mr. KNOWLTON. Mr. Flom has told me we know in the Institute of no instance where any company has considered that they have been subjected to unfair competition. I think that is in response to the question you asked.

Mr. McEWEN. Thank you.

That is it.

Mr. Chairman, we all know one of the arguments for the importance of a Federal program is to try to bring all States into some uniformity so that an industry in one State would not be at a competitive disadvantage with industry in another State, because in one State it would be burdened with cost of pollutant abatement and in another State it would be free of any responsibility for pollution abatement. That is what I was leading into—the question of whether we here bring in an element of competitive advantage or disadvantage to this program.

Mr. KNOWLTON. I think we accept it as a fact of life.

Mr. McEWEN. In your industry, you have not had any complaints?

Mr. KNOWLTON. No.

Mr. McCARTHY. The committee will stand adjourned until 2 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 12:40 p.m., the committee was recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m., the same day.)

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. McCARTHY (presiding). The House Public Works Committee is now in session.

Our first witness is Mrs. Wallace, of the Oyster Industry.

#### THE "OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OF 1968"

#### STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH WALLACE, THE OYSTER INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA

Mrs. WALLACE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Good afternoon, gentlemen and friends.

Our trade association, The Oyster Institute of North America, was chartered in 1908 to unify the oyster growers. Now we represent the producers and dealers of the three species of oysters and three major commercial species of clams.

It will not surprise you to hear that we vigorously support H.R. 15906, the Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Control Act of 1968. As the victims of the carelessness and exploitation of the oilmen, we hope for relief and redress for our tribulations from this type of pollution.

Almost everywhere, ships pump their bilges at night and often within the confines of an estuary. This practice is so harmful to the