

Mrs. WALLACE. It is toxic.

Mr. BLATNIK. The pollution act, by the acts of 1955 and 1956, the financial aid was aimed a little more heavily at larger cities now to avoid a lot of the pollution from the congested metropolitan areas. Not only industrial but also municipal wastes are very harmful to your existing oyster beds.

Mrs. WALLACE. Yes. All along the shorelines. It is so important to have a comprehensive plan to take care of their wastes, so that we do not actually make it worse. And this can happen.

Mr. BLATNIK. Those engaged in comprehensive planning, plus other criteria which you have spelled out in 1966, will enable municipalities to get up-to-50-percent grants.

Mrs. WALLACE. That is right.

Mr. BLATNIK. I appreciate your acknowledging that we have made some progress. We all agree there is a long, long way yet to go.

Mrs. WALLACE. That is right.

Mr. BLATNIK. We are determined not only to go the distance but to speed up, as we get cranked up, and we are getting cranked up in a very positive and effective manner to accelerate, to keep up with the need.

Mrs. WALLACE. We count you and your colleagues our major blessings. Thank you, Mr. Blatnik. Your vision is so wonderful.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Wright?

Mr. WRIGHT. I think not at this time.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Thank you very much, Mrs. Wallace.

(At this point Mr. Blatnik assumed the chair.)

Mr. BLATNIK. Next is our respected colleague and our friend, long a very ardent worker and coworker on behalf of pollution control, Congressman John Dingell, from Detroit, Mich.

Let the record show that Congressman Dingell was present on two different occasions this morning.

Congressman, we appreciate your coming back again for the convenience of the committee this afternoon.

Let the record show that, in addition to being a consistent supporter of the Federal Water Pollution Control legislation in Congress ever since its inception in 1956, the Congressman also has additional amendments, and his bill, H.R. 494, is before us, which I imagine you will describe and explain, as well as H.R. 16044, which will encourage or design to encourage the improved operation of waste treatment plants through chemical as well as mechanical means.

Congressman, you are a familiar figure before this committee. We respect your competence in this field and certainly your earnestness, and also your ability to speak so articulately and make yourself clearly understood with or without the script. Please proceed as you wish. Your entire statement will appear in the record, the complete text, at this point.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN DINGELL, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Mr. DINGELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I must apologize to the Chair for having been caught rather short of time and rather busy in my office and not having been able to prepare the appropriate number of statements for the committee.