

done on organic polyelectrolytes, water soluble polymers, and particularly in the field of phosphate, which has been a real problem.

Mr. DINGELL. This is a major problem in the lake area and in our area.

Mr. BLATNIK. It would save a lot of money trying to clean up the lakes under the clean lakes program. We will consider these suggestions here. The suggestions you made are very, very pertinent and very helpful. We assure the gentleman they will be given full and careful scrutiny and evaluation. We will call on him for his judgment, too, and also the deliberations in executive session.

We do hope to come out with, I hope, what will be a very effective sort of omnibus bill, putting several categories in for which substantial improvements are justified and necessary now on the basis of past experience and past finding. We find improvements can be made. It is not going to be easy. The gentleman will recognize that. You have fiscal problems, chemical problems, you have enforcements aspects to which you made reference, and all of these. To mesh them all into the existing program without causing too much dislocation will take some careful planning. But I know with the cooperation we have received in the past from membership on both sides of this committee, I think we will come out with a very good sort of omnibus bill to amend the current water pollution law.

If there are no further questions from either side—

PURPOSE OF H.R. 16044

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chairman, I would like to add one comment that I should have mentioned earlier. The purpose of my legislation, the handling of the treatment plants, financing programs for new additives, new treatment programs, is not to substitute for adequate construction, adequate treatment. It is to encourage where primary treatment is the only source available for maximum efficiency of that, where secondary is the maximum level of treatment, that should be operated in the most efficient fashion to remove the largest amount of all kinds of wastes from the water. And it is not, Mr. Chairman, my intention to substitute this for, let's say, having secondary treatment plant construction or tertiary treatment plant construction. It would be my hope it would be utilized to the maximum treatment, both through adequate construction, adequate facility, adequate treatment method.

It is my hope also, Mr. Chairman, and I wish to stress this, that the funds from this will very clearly not be made available for such things as drawing water out of the waste, dehydrating the waste, which some persons might try to utilize this kind of program for. That is a problem I expect the operator of the plant to meet through conventional financing sources and through his own resources. But it is my hope that this will be available to encourage novel, new and particularly efficient methods as opposed to just encouraging more of the same kind of inefficient operation and to encourage utilization of old devices but with Federal financing. I do not believe that would be at all an appropriate basis for me to come before this committee on.

(The following letter was received subsequently from Representative Dingell:)