

Mr. CASEY. It is a very proper interpretation. But I want to point out (c), which is the criminal section, refers to the violation of (b), but it says you have to willfully violate (b).

How you willfully violate a section that imposes liability without fault I do not know.

Mr. CRAMER. I do not understand a lot of the draftsmanship.

Mr. CASEY. I think the draftsmanship in the bill is very poor.

Mr. CRAMER. Now, we lack, unfortunately, complete expertise or substantial expertise in the field, so if someone in your organization or both could submit language to carry out some of these recommendations, to take care of some of these problems, I would like to see it and give it some consideration.

Mr. CASEY. It might be appropriate for me to say at this point, I represent the American Merchant Marine Institute. Our position is entirely different, but not inconsistent entirely, with the American Petroleum Institute. My full statement is quite lengthy.

Mr. CRAMER. We will get both of them. We will have to marry the two somehow, somewhere in drafting.

Mr. BLATNIK. Let the Chair say there obviously will be need for us to consider further change, not only with you but with other agencies of the Government or in the Department of the Interior, and other people, insurance people. We have two good witnesses coming with more detail. We hope to be able to contact you.

Mr. CHECKET. Be happy to.

Mr. BLATNIK. To enter the discussion and work in the formulative stage. Because there is going to be I think a long period of digestion that has to take place before you come out with a solid proposition. We do aim and hope to and intend to come out with the soundest proposition as combined judgment of this committee will make it possible.

If there are no further questions—

Mr. CASEY. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Casey.

Mr. CASEY. I would like, respectfully, to request an opportunity sometime before you close your hearings to present the position of the American Merchant Marine Institute.

Mr. BLATNIK. Yes. Do you have any additional testimony?

Mr. CASEY. Yes. My statement is quite different from the statement of the American Petroleum Institute.

Mr. BLATNIK. I do not understand. I see.

Mr. CASEY. When I agreed to sit as a member of the panel, I thought I would have an independent right to present our own position.

Mr. BLATNIK. Yes, you do.

Mr. CRAMER. You defend your independent rights. [Laughter.]

Mr. CASEY. I think it is quite too late to do it today.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Casey, we have a colleague of ours who has been waiting for some time today. Could you wait for awhile? We have two witnesses from London who are hopeful of leaving this evening. Between the long committee hearing and the tornado warning outside—I do not want to disturb anyone—[laughter]—I thought you might know about. This is the safest place to be. We will find out.

We have an excellent panel of conservationists in the forefront of this battle for the last 20 years, the Chair can recall.