

You have been patient waiting for 2 days, now all of today to be heard, but will you wait for a while, Mr. Casey?

So the gentlemen from the American Petroleum Institute thank you. The staff shall keep in contact with you for consultation.

Mr. Gammelgard.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. May I proceed now, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Chairman, I was just curious what was proposed with respect to the statement of Mr. Gammelgard.

Mr. BLATNIK. Oh, I thought this was a joint statement.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, for the misunderstanding. Mr. Checkett gave the first portion of it. I have the second portion, which deals with shore installations.

Mr. BLATNIK. You have a separate statement? I am sorry, I did not understand. I thought this was a joint statement which was to be presented by Mr. Checkett by both of you.

Do you have a separate statement?

Mr. GAMMELGARD. Yes, I do. May I proceed with that?

Mr. BLATNIK. How many pages is it?

Mr. GAMMELGARD. Well, I think it is about 13.

I can submit this, Mr. Chairman, if you prefer.

Mr. CRAMER. I suggest, Mr. Chairman, would it be an imposition to come back tomorrow? I have some other questions to ask, too.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. I would be pleased to come back tomorrow.

Mr. BLATNIK. What is the schedule for tomorrow?

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Gammelgard, would you proceed with your statement.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. Yes, sir.

Mr. Chairman, I will brief this.

I am appearing today in behalf of the API and the Western Oil and Gas Association, and the National Petroleum Refiners Association.

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Mr. BLATNIK. This statement, by the way, will appear in its entirety at this point.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Gammelgard follows:)

STATEMENT OF P. N. GAMMELGARD

My name is P. N. Gammelgard. I am Vice President of Environmental Affairs, American Petroleum Institute, and director of the Institute's Committee for Air and Water Conservation.

On behalf of the Institute and the Western Oil and Gas Association, which I am also representing here today, I would like to thank the Committee for this chance to comment on the important legislation now before you—S. 2760.

To begin, I should like to emphasize that our industry recognizes the urgency of developing better means of protecting our water and coastlines from discharges of oil or other potentially harmful substances.

I can assure you that we favor doing all that can be done to reduce the likelihood of accidental spills of oil. Moreover, we are seeking to cooperate in every way possible with government—at all levels—to assure that swift action is taken to minimize the harmful effects of such spills regardless of how they occur.

Before discussing specific provisions of S. 2760, I would like to make a few general observations concerning oil pollution in the context of the nation's overall effort to control water pollution.