

others, to an amount not exceeding about £1.2 million, and in dollars that would be about \$3 million.

I suppose under the new rate, the devalued pound, it would be a little bit more.

There are two questions from Congressman McCarthy—what is the amount involved in the *Torrey Canyon* incident? If you include the cost of the bombing and all that sort of operation, well, then, it is supposedly thought to be in the neighborhood of £3 million for the British Government, but it is also reported that the French Government has other rather small claims.

One would not have thought that the total amount of expense involved, as opposed to the liability of the ship, was in the neighborhood of more than £4 million. I am sorry I cannot be more definite in that, but the position is extremely vague.

Mr. McCARTHY. Did you say £4 million?

Mr. SHEARER. £4 million would be, shall we say, the U.S. equivalent of \$9 million. That is an absolute maximum figure so far as is known.

Mr. McCARTHY. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Shearer and Mr. Miller, we thank you both very much. Have a safe trip back to London.

Mr. SHEARER. Thank you very much, gentlemen, for allowing us to come over here.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, gentlemen.

Our next witness is Mr. James F. Wright, executive director, Delaware Water Basin Commission.

THE "WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1968"

STATEMENT OF JAMES F. WRIGHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I know that your patience has been somewhat extended today, and I will just briefly summarize my remarks.

Mr. BLATNIK. Do you have a prepared statement?

Mr. WRIGHT. Yes.

Mr. BLATNIK. That will appear in the record in its entirety at this point, and you may summarize it.

(The prepared statement of James F. Wright follows:)

STATEMENT OF JAMES F. WRIGHT

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am James F. Wright, executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, a four-State-Federal agency for the management and development of water resources within the Delaware watershed. One of its major functions is water pollution control. We have already established standards and implementing regulations under our compact and under the existing Federal legislation to begin positive action for sweeping improvements.

GENERAL ENDORSEMENT

The opportunity to comment on legislation to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (H.R. 15907 and the companion Senate version S. 3206) is very much appreciated. Before remarking on specific provisions in the proposal, I would like to inform the committee that the Delaware River Basin Commission