

Jacksonville and Duval County, and I will explain that, we have consolidated our governments recently. And I will be a councilman in the new consolidated government and it is going to be faced with purchasing these antiquated, worn-out smaller systems at very, very big dollars in the near future.

This is where you have been so helpful to us because when we undertook our new program a couple of years ago, we had been able to receive some assistance from the Federal Government to help us go. We have a master sewer program where our county and city had cooperated through the same engineers to bring about something, and so now we are truthfully undertaking the purpose and the principle and the philosophy behind this act which you have previously passed and are now considering amendments.

There are some communities which do not have this problem. Congressman Cramer's home community of Pinellas, back in 1927 started working on this. And now they have a completely municipally owned county-wide water and sewer system.

I was using your name, Congressman Cramer. I hope you do not mind. I said your community started back in 1927 and 1928 working on this municipal county water and sewer countywide system.

Today, my mission is to represent the National Association of Counties, and I am not officially speaking for the League of Cities at this time.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Chairman, I was hoping to have the opportunity of welcoming Bill Basford before the committee. But, as he does in his business, I was called to an urgent telephone call. I do want to welcome you before the committee.

(Mr. Edmondson assumes the chair.)

Mr. CRAMER. I understood you were appearing. I am particularly proud that you are appearing on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

Having been a county attorney myself for a couple of years, I will be very much interested in what you have to say.

Mr. BASFORD. I am sure you were on the phone at the time. I was trying to point out that I was proud that in my statement that your country was one that undertook to meet this problem many years ago, and it worked along on it, and I sure wish Duval had been able to pay for its systems at the dollar values that your community did.

I am sure while you were county attorney you were involved in this actively and contributed very much to it. I am very happy about that.

Our statement is several pages long, but the first two or three pages are somewhat window dressing, and to also point out some programs we have undertaken in cooperation with our membership counties of over 3,000 throughout the country.

If you like, I will skip over to the second paragraph on page 3 and cover it from there.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Basford follows:)

STATEMENT BY WILLIAM BASFORD, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA; CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Chairman, Members of the Committee, my name is William Basford, County Commissioner, Duval County, Florida. I am Chairman of the National Association of Counties, Committee on Air and Water Pollution Control, and represent our nation's 3,000 county government's here today.