

I urge prompt action to insure that those capabilities for destruction are not allowed free rein.

Mr. Chairman, I request of the Committee prompt and favorable action to reduce the threat of oil pollution to the ocean area.

SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE,
THE NATIONAL NON-PROFIT FISH CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION,
Washington, D.C., April 22, 1968.

Re H.R. 15907 "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, relating to the construction of waste treatment works, and to the conduct of Water Pollution Control Research, and for other purposes."

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, House Committee on Public Works,
Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Sport Fishing Institute regrets not being able to personally present this testimony. We have been vitally concerned, however, with the enactment of the Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966 which did establish a four year matching grant construction program of some \$3.4 billion in authorization to aid the major municipalities and metropolitan areas finance their sewage treatment facilities, at least to the secondary treatment stage. We were grossly disappointed by the subsequent Congressional action which only appropriated \$203 million for the current fiscal year instead of the \$450 million as established by P.L. 89-753, later amended on your strong insistence to \$225 million.

Mr. Chairman, we can see nothing but trouble and frustration ahead if the Federal Government does not assume a strong and extremely active leadership role in helping the Nation get up on its feet in cleaning up the tremendous backlog of needed waste treatment construction as well as keep up with the present and plan adequately for the future. We are already encountering new forms of pollution, such as that caused by the newer greatly enlarged electric generating power stations, both fossil and nuclear fueled, wherein tremendous volumes of water are heated up as high as 143° F! If we don't catch up or at least keep abreast with the treatment of much of our industrial, municipal, and human wastes it may well be that, we are writing off all of our aquatic natural resources. Our Board of Directors have been greatly concerned with the apathy of the Congress in meeting its authorization obligations through proper appropriations in this restoration program. They passed unanimously the following resolution:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR RESTORATION OF CLEAN WATER

Whereas the Congress did pass the Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-753) authorizing waste-treatment plant Construction Grants-in-Aid to the states totalling \$3.6 billion over a five-year period with the first year's authorization amounting to \$450 million for fiscal year 1968; and

Whereas the Administration has requested only \$203 million in its fiscal year 1968 budget for the entire United States, which is less than half the minimum amount needed in fiscal year 1968, and the City of New York, alone, would legally qualify for about \$90 million in justifiable federal aid matching grants for construction of needed waste treatment plans during fiscal year 1968, thereby utilizing nearly half of all the federal funds that would be available under the Administration's reduced funding proposals:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Sport Fishing Institute, assembled in regular Annual Meeting this 18th day of May, 1967, at Louisville, Kentucky, do herewith urge the Appropriations Committees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate and all Members of the Congress to take whatever action is needed to add sufficient funds to the Administration's requested budget in order to provide the full \$450 million authorized for appropriation in fiscal year 1968 and which are badly needed to meet the funding schedule already determined by the Congress to be the minimum that will be needed to get the country started on a significant nationwide Clean Water program.