

warmer conditions provide the most lush of growing conditions for aquatic vegetation. This leads to the further growth of the problem, and a magnification of the settlement problem as such plants also decay and may settle to the bottom. This increased vegetation tends to deplete the lake of the vital oxygen needed by the more sporty and desirable of our fish species.

We have little time left to learn the most efficient methods of preserving and cleaning such lakes if we are to make these resources available to an ever larger and more mobile population. This bill authorizes several experimental tests using public and private resources on public lakes to test and develop those recommendations to keep our lakes clean and healthy.

Therefore, I urge favorable action by your Committee on this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN M. ZWACH,
Congressman.

Mr. McCARTHY. The committee will stand adjourned until 2 p.m. (Whereupon, at 1 o'clock p.m., the committee recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m., same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. BLATNIK. The House Public Works Committee will please come to order, resuming public hearings on various bills which are already listed in the record, suggesting amendments and additions to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

We have my friend and respected colleague from California, Congressman Charles M. Teague who has twice given up his—would you call it—batting order, to yield to those who come from some distance to be here.

Congressman, we appreciate your usual courtesy and kindness and consideration of others, and we appreciate your coming back again at the convenience of the committee.

Do you have a prepared statement, Congressman?

You may proceed as you wish.

OIL POLLUTION CONTROL

STATEMENT OF HON. CHARLES M. TEAGUE, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. TEAGUE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I have submitted for the record a written statement covering several points. I will highlight those points, and I do request permission that my complete statement will be included as part of the printed record.

Mr. BLATNIK. Without objection, so ordered.

(Prepared statement follows:)

TESTIMONY BY CHARLES M. TEAGUE, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, thank you for providing me with an opportunity to testify on the subject of oil pollution and measures relating to the control and disposal of oil pollutants. I am particularly grateful for this opportunity since the District I represent in California has approximately two hundred miles of shoreline which will be affected by this legislation. There is very active off-shore oil exploration and production in progress along that shoreline.

It is my considered belief that two Bills presently before the Committee, H.R. 15906 and the Senate passed Bill, S. 2760, should be considered together and