

dously burgeoning human populations, something has got to be done. That is all there is to it, whether we like it or not, whether it is going to cost a little more to build better ships and change the construction of the ships, and so forth, to provide better protection and security, these things are going to have to be done, because the population demands and the people demands of this country are going to make this necessary.

Dr. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that in 1954, at the old State Department auditorium, where maritime matters were being discussed, oil spillage was brought up, the identical arguments that you have just indicated to us were brought up at that time. That is 14 years ago.

One would hope that within that 14 years there would be some compelling factor to try and remove some of these things that are causing the pollution. I know the Senate bill has some teeth in it, and it seems to be rather strict; but at what point do you start, if you are going to get abatement of any of these kinds of problems?

I think Mr. Gutermuth is absolutely right. Some of these problems did not disappear. Certain kinds of research were not undertaken until enforcement was either on them or imminent. And at that point, efforts were made.

Mr. McCARTHY. We certainly appreciate your testimony, gentlemen. You have given us ample testimony to peruse, and we appreciate your dedication to this cause.

I hope that this bill is going to be a major step forward in the work that you have been working on for so many years; I think the country really owes you a great deal of gratitude.

Dr. SMITH. Thank you very much.

Mr. McCARTHY. The next witness is Mr. John E. Kinney, consulting engineer, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

You have appeared before our committee before, and I am happy to have you back, Mr. Kinney.

STATEMENT OF JOHN E. KINNEY, SANITARY ENGINEERING CONSULTANT, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Mr. KINNEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have a statement that I would like to submit to the record, if I might, and just take a few of the points that are in it and discuss them in more detail.

(Prepared statement of John E. Kinney follows:)

STATEMENT OF JOHN E. KINNEY

Mr. Chairman, members of the Public Works Committee, my name is John E. Kinney and I am a sanitary engineering consultant from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My vocation is the technical accomplishment of acceptable water quality and this represents 30 years of academic and practical experience.

My avocation is the abatement of the political pollution which so often clouds the issues and programs directed towards clean streams.

Thus, I wish to express a double pleasure over the enlightened and understanding attitudes and questions propounded by this committee in this hearing. Very frankly, I owe you an apology. After the Senate hearing in March, I sadly concluded this House Committee had won the battles of 1964, 1965 and 1966, but had lost the war this year, for Senate members were agreeing with the