

due to the undesirable effects of nutrients and vegetation. New or improved methods which are encouraged by the legislation under consideration by this committee to prevent or control, or better yet, remove the alluvial growth found in some of our Nation's lakes would be of great benefit to our natural resources. To my knowledge, the specific problem of Lake Pollution has not been pinpointed in previous Clean Water Act, passed by Congress and I feel that this specific attention to a serious problem of water quality should be supported.

LATERAL SEWERS

I would like to further direct the Committee's attention to the present lack of compatibility between the Federal program for sewer mains and treatment plants, and for laterals. I feel that these programs are assigned to various departments in our government in such a way as to baffle coordination. I have done some work in this area in my efforts towards my bill before the Banking and Currency Committee, H.R. 3645, which would simply raise the amount of monies for water and lateral sewer projects. In comparing the programs of HUD, Interior, and Agriculture, I have found the terms and conditions at variance. The percentages of Federal participation differ, and the degree of state participation is widely separated.

In looking at H.R. 15907, Section 2(F)(5)(B), the language speaks of a comprehensive water quality control and abatement plan. Any plan which purports to improve water quality control, it seems to me, would necessarily include lateral sewers in addition to treatment works. To make this point in another way, any overall plan which would be useful in preventing lake pollution and the control of nutrients and effluent coming into a body of water, would also consider lateral sewers or their equivalent.

Mr. McCARTHY. The record will be kept open for 10 days for further statements.

(Statements of Mr. Franklin L. Orth and H. D. Doan follow:)

STATEMENT BY FRANKLIN L. ORTH, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The National Rifle Association of America is highly pleased to receive the opportunity to submit this statement to the House Committee on Public Works in support of the "Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Control Act of 1968", H.R. 15906 and the "Water Quality Improvement Act of 1968", H.R. 15907, co-sponsored by the distinguished Committee chairman and the distinguished chairman of the Sub-Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and S. 2760, an amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act authorizing research and demonstration programs for the control of lake pollution, and acid and other mine water drainage and to prevent pollution of water by oil.

Mr. Chairman, the National Rifle Association, as the nation's largest sportsmen's organization, recognizes the great need today for preserving the quality of our environment, including land, air and water, in order to preserve a high standard of living and to further those recreational values that Americans hold so dear. And since water pollution, in its unlimited scope, has spread throughout virtually all of our major river systems and encompasses every state, we feel that this action on the federal level will be a necessary and major step forward in the massive pollution control tasks that lie ahead of us.

The control and removal of oil pollution and discharge of other foreign matter by vessels and shore installations provided for in H.R. 15906 and S. 2760 will be of great benefit to the nation's wildlife, especially fish and waterfowl, so dependent for life itself on a sanitary environment. We also applaud the federal leadership in encouraging, promoting and conducting studies on the effects, prevention and control of water pollution and the removal and treatment of pollutants that is provided for in H.R. 15907. Certainly the progress from this continuing research will strengthen our future attack on water pollution.

Again, Mr. Chairman, we would like to express our unequivocal support for these bills, H.R. 15906, H.R. 15907 and S. 2760. Recognizing that they are but a step forward in the monumental tasks of cleaning our fouled stream systems and as such will be of great public benefit through the restoration of excellence in the quality of our lands and waters, we feel that this proposed legislation ought to be made public policy and public law.