

Mr. CLEVELAND. Do we have a formal report available from the Department of the Treasury?

Mr. HUGHES. I believe you do, Mr. Cleveland, but I am not sure of that. If you do not, I can certainly arrange that one be presented.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Has the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare been consulted in this matter and then do they approve it?

Mr. HUGHES. They were not consulted so far as I know. I do not believe they are directly involved in it. I do not know of any problems with it.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Was the Department of Transportation consulted in this matter and do they approve it?

Mr. HUGHES. As far as I know, no. I do not believe they are involved.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Well, I would think it would be involved, the Coast Guard.

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Edwards says it has been discussed with the Coast Guard. I do not know if there is a record of the conversation or not.

Mr. EDWARDS. No, there is no record. We had rather extensive discussions, however, with the Coast Guard on matters in which they are interested; that is, the oil pollution and vessel pollution legislation.

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Secretary UDALL. Congressman, I would like to say, if I may, because I was disturbed by the letter that you read, our conversations, of necessity because when we are drafting new legislation of this kind, we cannot go into the regions, are with the national organizations, the organization of counties, the municipal or league of cities, and the mayor's organizations. We did confer with them.

Now, we have been aware all along that there were differences and objections that they had to certain details. But all of our conversations at the national level have indicated that everyone was of the view, although there are still differences on the bill, that we could work out a bill and get satisfactory legislation. And I am very surprised to find the New England people say they want the bill thrown out.

I know that certainly is not Senator Muskie's view.

If they have some particular objections, I wish they would come to Washington and sit down with you and with us, and I am sure we can work any questions out. Because I do not see any disagreements so deep here that this committee cannot do as it has in the past and write a workable bill.

Mr. CLEVELAND. I wondered if you or any member of your staff were aware of that meeting?

Secretary UDALL. It came to me as quite a shock to hear you read a letter like that, because I was not aware there was this kind of concern by any of the State groups. Nothing has come to my desk that would indicate that.

Mr. CLEVELAND. I was equally surprised to read the letter when I first saw it on my desk, because I assumed, of course, that legislation of