You might be interested to know too that this measure was reviewed at the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission meeting in Portland, Maine on Tuesday of this week. At the conclusion of the review the Commission members unanimously voted to recommend that the bill be rejected. There are so many defects in it that this seems to be the preferred course of action rather than any attempt to offer appropriate amendments. I am sure you, and the other members of the various New England delegations, will be receiving formal notice of the Interstate Commission action from the excutive secretary, Alfred Peloquin.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. HEALY, P.E.
Executive Director.

(Letter from Secretary Udall to Chairman Fallon with copy of New England Water Pollution Control Commission comments on H.R. 15907 follows:)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., May 17, 1968.

Hon. GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: When I appeared before the Committee on Public Works on May 2 to continue our discussion of the Administration's pending water pollution control legislation, Representative Cleveland called attention to an expression of opposition by New England water pollution control officials to H.R. 15907, the proposed Water Quality Improvement Act of 1968.

Mr. Cleveland placed in the hearing record a letter dated April 25, which he had received from Mr. William A. Healy, Executive Director, New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, informing him of the recent action of the New England Water Pollution Control Commission in recommending rejection of the bill.

Since then, I have received a copy of the Commission's comments on H.R. 15907, giving the reasons for the vote in opposition to the bill's enactment which was taken at the Commission's Spring Meeting on April 23. The comments are well developed, clearly stated, and reasonable in tone. I believe that the Commission's statement would be a valuable addition to the hearing record, and I am enclosing a copy of the comments with the request that they be printed in the record following my colloquy with Mr. Cleveland (page 737 of the transcript). The Commission's objections to H.R. 15907 as introduced, together with the suggestions of other organizations and individuals, will be helpful to us, as I believe they will be to the Committee, in our common effort to develop the strongest possible water pollution control legislation.

Sincerely yours,

STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION,
Boston, Mass., May 8, 1968.

GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission at its Spring Meeting held on April 23, 1968 voted to register opposition to the passage of H.R. 15907 and S. 3206. The proposed legislation has been reviewed by personnel of the water pollution control agencies of the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, and although recognizing that there are some good features in the bills it is the consensus of the Commission that these are outweighed by features which could seriously delay or damage State water pollution abatement schedules and programs developed in compliance with the Water Quality Act of 1965.