

the mill gas station. We know this from firsthand in my district, and I had no reason to suspect it is not the same all over the country, as a result of two things:

One, the removal of the excise tax on oil and another a ruling by the Federal Trade Commission, that this used oil in crankcases is now almost worthless. In the old days a man would come around and pick it up and he would take it and can it and sell it again.

Now, what is happening all over the country is that it is just being dumped down the sewers, and it is ending up in great quantities in our streams. Now, as far as I can determine nothing in this legislation would deal with that problem. I am wondering if you are cognizant of this growing problem. It is a real one, and what do you think you might do about it?

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, you have put your finger on what is undoubtedly one of the areas where there is a serious problem to which we do not have a solution.

This was covered in our report incidentally on oil pollution, the report I mentioned earlier. Gasoline service stations you will find mentioned on page 7.

I think the committee might very well want to give this attention and that it may be that appropriate legislation is needed as I have indicated previously to the committee.

I think the big problem that we foresee today in terms of water quality are those we are not doing much about. The whole thrust of this program and the work of this committee the last 3 years has been toward municipal and industrial pollution, improving the treatment works. The two sources of pollution that are today doing the most damage and are going to do the most damage in the future, come from first the runoff in urban areas. Of course if a service station attendant puts oil in the drain and this drain runs out the next rainstorm, the oil runs out. The runoff of merely man's waste, the things we drop on the streets, the rubber that is burned and all of these things—we found when we made our Potomac River study that here is a source of pollution that we presently are not equipped to do anything about.

Now, part of this is simply maybe changing our ways of doing certain things, not littering as much as we do.

The other source is agricultural pollution of the fertilizers that come off agricultural lands.

Secretary Freeman is making a study of this right now. It was directed by the President in his March message on the environment.

Here are two sources of pollution that we have got to control, that we have got to do something about. And of course the service station problem is only one aspect of this.

Mr. McCARTHY. Yes; but this is an Oil Pollution Act. It seems to me that here is one of the biggest problems we have, and we do not even get into it here.

Secretary UDALL. Well, we have identified it in this report as an important problem. Municipalities could regulate this—as to whether Federal regulations would be appropriate, I think the committee might very well look into this. I was one who strongly supported it, and I wish at times Congress would consider more this approach to conservation, because with oil particularly where you could re-refine and