

In concluding my statement I should like to quote from Secretary Udall, who shares with me a growing concern for the invading sickness and pollution that threaten our total environment. These are his words:

"Today we lead the world in wealth and power, but we also lead in the degradation of human habitat. We have the most cars, and the worst junkyards. We are the most mobile people on earth, and we endure the worst congestion. We produce the most energy, and breathe the foulest air. Our factories pour out the most enticing products, and our rivers carry the heaviest loads of pollution."

Thank you very much.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., May 10, 1968.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Enclosed is my statement on Water Pollution. I would appreciate it if this statement and the attached letter from the Huron River Watershed Council could be made a part of the printed record of your committee's hearings on Water Pollution which were held the final week in April.

I have discussed this testimony with your staff and apologize for the delay in delivering it to your office.

Sincerely,

MARVIN L. ESCH,
Member of Congress.

STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN MARVIN L. ESCH, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Chairman, this Committee and this Congress have an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the solution of one of our nation's most long range and serious problems—water pollution. No area is free of this menace and if it remains unattended, the problem will be magnified manyfold. Benjamin Franklin's adage that "a stitch in time saves nine" is certainly appropriate to this problem and that first "stitch" must be taken immediately.

As you are all aware, water pollution is a complicated problem—involving private industrial wastes, city sewage treatment, runoff from agricultural areas, removal of dredging materials and hundreds of other pollution sources. The problems of water pollution are not limited by local, or country, or even state boundaries. There are hundreds of thousands of pollution sources along every river and small lake in the nation.

Clearly the effort to correct this serious situation must involve the coordination and cooperation of all levels of government, private industry and private developers. One of the outstanding coordinating units concerned with water pollution over a widespread area is the Huron River Watershed Council centered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I would like to bring to the attention of the Members of this Committee the excellent works of this Council and the long range plans for their future development and activities. I commend this approach to the Committee and hope that the legislation which the House will consider in the weeks ahead will encourage the creation of such Councils throughout the nation.

HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL,
Ann Arbor, Mich., April 15, 1968.

HON. MARVIN L. ESCH,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Longworth Building, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. ESCH: Please enter the following at the hearings to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: April 23, 24 and 25, 1968, on the subject of water pollution. Our remarks refer to the establishment of a program of research and demonstration for the control of pollution in lakes. In particular we refer to S.B. 2760 which has been passed by the Senate and referred to the House Committee on Public Works. In addition our comments refer to H.R. 13312, H.R. 13638 and H.R. 13665 which are identical to the lake pollution control