

The bills before Congress to preserve estuarine areas, and the Potomac River study as well, highlight the need to preserve the natural environment along the Potomac estuary. Moreover, further studies of the area are being recommended.

Have those studies been made?

Mr. HARTZOG. Sir, that is in the context of the whole Potomac estuary. So far as I know, they have not all been finished.

Mr. MOSS. So that you raise not only the previous objection, but you pointed to the need for further study.

Mr. HARTZOG. No, sir; I am sorry. That is not the interpretation I place on that. I say "Moreover, further studies of the area are being recommended." These are further studies of the Potomac estuary which is an American Institute of Architects task force study report.

Mr. MOSS. Your April 4 memorandum concludes:

All things considered, I recommend the desirability of the Department re-studying its recent decision at Hunting Creek.

Mr. HARTZOG. That is my specific recommendation.

Mr. MOSS. Was that restudy made?

Mr. HARTZOG. That was in the context of the broader estuary, in the first three paragraphs.

Mr. MOSS. You think then that it would be sound policy, while that study is being made, for us to nibble away?

Mr. HARTZOG. Sir, I am not in a position, and I am sure you understand that, to evaluate my superior's decision on a policy matter here.

Mr. MOSS. We are not asking you to do that. We are asking you solely for your professional judgment—

Mr. HARTZOG. That is set forth here.

Mr. MOSS (continuing). Not the Under Secretary's, and not Secretary Cain's.

Mr. HARTZOG. That is set forth here.

Mr. MOSS. Your professional judgment, as I have gotten it from your answer to my colleague from Michigan, is a little different than in your response to my colleague from Wisconsin. I would like clarification.

Mr. HARTZOG. I beg your pardon. I certainly do not want to convey any difference because my views are set forth in those three paragraphs. I am sure that—if you had known Mr. Indritz; he and I practiced together at Interior as lawyers—

Mr. MOSS. The two paragraphs I read—

Mr. HARTZOG. I dictated this and I rewrote it myself. Those three paragraphs are my views.

Mr. MOSS. Do you stand firmly on those three paragraphs? If that is so, you have satisfactorily answered my question. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. If those remain his personal views today, then I have no further questions.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Gude?

Mr. GUDE. I agree with Mr. Vander Jagt. If those three paragraphs on the second page of your memorandum are your views, particularly where you allude to the fact that giving in on this area could well mean the beginning of a spreading of high rise all along the Potomac banks, why, I am satisfied.

Mr. JONES. Mr. McCloskey.

Mr. MCCLOSKEY. I have several questions, if I may.