

If these public waters are thrown open to private real estate development where can a line be drawn to protect our aquatic wildlife resources for coming generations of Americans?

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Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS M. UHLER.

Mr. JONES. Dr. Uhler, we again thank you. You have been most helpful. We appreciate your attendance.
Our next witness is is Gen. Harry G. Woodbury, former Director of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers.

STATEMENT OF GEN. HARRY G. WOODBURY, CONSOLIDATED-EDISON CO., NEW YORK CITY; FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

General WOODBURY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Harry G. Woodbury, presently employed with Con-Edison in New York City. I am happy to be here at your invitation. I did not come with any prepared statement but rather I understood that the committee had some questions.

In reviewing the testimony that has preceded my presence here, I note that there is reported to have been a telephone conversation between myself and Dr. Cain on the 10th of April, in which there is a quotation of my conversation with him. I cannot subscribe to the accuracy of the quotation. No tape recording of the telephone conversation was made as far as I know, but I can testify to the situation which existed at that time in an effort to clarify this earlier testimony.

I have been aware for some time of considerable interest in this permit application for the Hunting Creek fill. I have had several conversations with Dr. Cain in connection with it. I had attended a meeting at Congressman Moss' invitation in his office in December. I was aware of the fact that Secretary Cain, in writing to the district engineer, had informed the Corps of Engineers of a reversal of the opinions that had been earlier expressed concerning the fish and wildlife and landownership issues that were existent. I was aware too that he, after further consideration, was in the process of making up his mind to again reverse his position. At this time the paperwork for the permit, the permit assembly, had reached the office of the Chief of Engineers. It bore with it, as it came to my office, a letter to the district engineer from Dr. Cain, I believe, of October, in which he announced the withdrawal of earlier objections.

The question then was raised, and it came up in this telephone conversation, on how to manage the change in the position within the Department of the Interior. I pointed out to Dr. Cain that on the 13th of July the Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior had agreed on a procedure by which, knowing of an objection by the Department of the Interior, all permits would be referred to the Secretary. I told him that now that I was informed of his change of view that I would be pleased to send this permit application over to the Secretary of the Interior for comment and I did so.

I think that is all that I have to say and I say that by way of clarification. If there are other questions, I would be more than happy to try to answer them.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Moss.