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INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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I am happy to welcome Dr. Edward Wenk this morning and to have his statement on the Fiscal 1970 budget request of the National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Development.

I want to thank Dr. Wenk not only for his valuable services as Executive Secretary of the Council but also for having recently visited my State of Hawaii to deliver the keynote address at the Governor's Conference on Oceanography.

His words of wisdom at the Conference were indeed helpful and encouraging, especially to an island state now embarked on expanding its role in marine affairs. His remarks underscored the unprecedented opportunities for Hawaii to advance our Nation's stake in the ocean.

Since its creation in 1966 by legislation which I cosponsored, the Marine Resources Council has ably performed its function as an interim, cabinet-level, policy-planning body for marine affairs.

The Council and its staff have done their work well. I wish to go on record in support of the Council's budget request for \$760,000 for Fiscal 1970.