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From the Congressional Record A keynote statement developed for the Water Resources Congress by Lt. Gov. Tom Adams, long an active champion of conservation programs, has been reprinted in the Congressional Record. Some quotes bear repeating. Stated Adams: "Ecology...environment...pollution...bio-degradable...have all become catch phrases in a popular cause--and this is as it should be. But they have also, too often, become scare words... 'Wolf' words... used by cynical and selfish people to further their own political or financial gains. One of the goals we must accomplish is to render these polluters of the mind...these distorters of fact...ineffective and impotent so that Americans can be informed properly...can be certain that all of our efforts are toward the same purpose of saving our Nation's natural resources."

And Around the Country From Paris, Tenn., consumer advocate and author James L. Moore announces a statewide consumer protection investigative group, composed primarily of high school and college students. They plan to investigate air and water pollution in the Paris area. Moore, 25, says the group "hopes to collect firsthand evidence of illegal pollution and then seek strict court actions." And in the Bay area of Northern California, the Action for Regional Environmental Agency (AREA) hopes to become the main anti-pollution and conservationist body in nine counties and 91 cities via a coalition of business, civic and environmental leaders. Legislation will be sought to establish it as such.

Tax Relief Bill Sought by NAAA Aerial applicators who are members of the National Agricultural Aviation Association have succeeded in getting a tax relief bill sponsored by Oregon's Al Ullman. The bill (H.R. 8001) seeks to exempt applicators from paying a \$25 registration fee (now totalling \$150,000 yearly) and other taxes on their spraying operations which apply to other types of aircraft business endeavors.

Indemnity For Bee Losses Beekeepers who lose bees as a result of death by pesticides used near colonies may be paid for losses by the USDA. A program just announced indicates that bee owners may apply through ASCS offices for bee deaths dating back to January of 1967.

Interior Dept. Changes Aid Program Regional offices of the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation may now review and approve grant-in-aid projects involving public park, open space, and recreation lands and waters. The original 1964 act setting up funds (Land and Water Conservation Fund Act) has dispensed \$503 million through 1971 in 50% matching grants. Decentralization of authority is expected to speed action on many local projects.