

- . His company is doing a lot of work on phosphating of asbestos fiber for textile and paper. Says it's cheap and easy to do by gas impregnation. To verify its worth, he has a biological test to compare relative toxicity of modified asbestos and asbestos substitutes against the raw product.

Other speakers were:

- . D. Elliott Wilbur, Jr., V.P., Arthur D. Little, Inc. and an expert on the construction business. He pointed out that construction is the biggest user of asbestos products particularly A/C pipe and sheet, which are excellent products as a business and as a desirable material. He berated the manufacturers for not making these products more attractive as they are losing out to less durable steel and plastic.
- . Senator John H. Chafee, Republican from Rhode Island. He says that Congress will vote on a Clean Air Act probably early next year. It's in the hearing stage now. Whatever it is, he favors Federal funding for a maximum of 55% for waste treatments, etc. vs. current 75%. More local participation assures fewer frills. He said that members of Congress can only act when people cite specific problems, not generalities.
- . Representative Eugene Johnston, North Carolina. He explained, very enthusiastically, Reagan's plan to make more capital available to increase private sector productivity and growth and to stop the spend/tax/spend/tax habit of Congress by cutting taxes first. Says nothing worries Congress more than having to fund new programs in the face of a deficit, unless its to raise taxes.


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