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Mr. Chafee, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and in accordance with section 8(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, submits the following report on the committee's activities for the 104th Congress.

REPORT

This report describes the activities of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works during the 104th Congress.

The 104th Congress was a period of intense activity for the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Under the leadership of Chairman John H. Chafee and Ranking Minority Member Max Baucus, the committee approved 65 bills, 50 of which became public law, and approved 8 Presidential nominations. In addition, the committee and subcommittees held 60 hearings and 18 business meetings.

The 104th Congress marked the culmination of several major legislative initiatives for the committee: including enactment of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

The committee notes with sadness the death of former Senator Edmund S. Muskie, who was a member of this committee for over 19 years. As chairman of the Environmental Protection Subcommittee of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator Muskie tirelessly worked to create bipartisan support for the numerous landmark environmental laws that passed in the 1970's.

The remainder of this report describes the committee's activities in detail.
COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

(Pursuant to rule XXV, sec. 2, Standing Rules of the Senate)

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works is one of 16 standing committees established by rule XXV of the Senate, under which committee jurisdictions were last revised by the adoption of S. Res. 4, Senate Committee Reorganization, February 11, 1977.

Section 2 of rule XXV as amended on January 5, 1981, provides that the committee shall consist of 16 Senators. On March 29, 1996, two additional members were added by Senate Resolution 236.

Section (h) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate states that the Committee on Environment and Public Works:
"...shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other materials relating to the following subjects:
1. Air pollution.
2. Construction and maintenance of highways.
4. Environmental effects of toxic substances, other than pesticides.
5. Environmental policy.
6. Environmental research and development.
7. Fisheries and wildlife.
8. Flood control and improvement of rivers and harbors, including environmental aspects of deepwater ports.
10. Nonmilitary environmental regulation and control of nuclear energy.
11. Ocean dumping.
13. Public works, bridges, and dams.
14. Regional economic development.
15. Solid waste disposal and recycling.
17. Water resources.
(2) Such committee shall also study and review, on a comprehensive basis, matters relating to environmental protection and resource utilization and conservation, and report thereon from time to time."

FULL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The full committee, under the leadership of Chairman John H. Chafee and Ranking Minority Member Max Baucus, held 22 hearings and 15 business meetings in the 104th Congress. The committee carefully examined and successfully passed many environmental initiatives throughout the legislative session. Listed below are the major issues the committee considered.
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

In 1995, in compliance with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the committee considered legislation to provide for the designation of the National Highway System. The National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, S. 440, provides an interconnected system of principal arterial routes which: serve major population centers, international border crossings, ports, airports, public transportation facilities, and other intermodal transportation facilities and other major travel destinations; meet national defense requirements; and serve interstate and regional travel.

The Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held four hearings on S. 440. The first hearing was held on February 23, 1995, to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 1996, for the Department of Transportation. The second hearing was held on March 23, 1995, to consider the effects of transportation conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act of 1990 and the air quality programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991. The third hearing was held on March 30, 1995, to consider transportation and safety matters. The final hearing was held on April 6, 1995, to consider infrastructure financing issues, as well as the status of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on I–95 between Virginia and Maryland. Altogether the subcommittee heard testimony from 28 witnesses.

S. 440 was introduced by the subcommittee chairman, Senator John W. Warner, on February 16, 1995, with 15 cosponsors including Chairman John H. Chafee and Ranking Minority Member Max Baucus. On May 3, the subcommittee held a business meeting and ordered the bill favorably reported to the full committee with an amendment. The full committee held a business meeting May 10, and ordered the bill to be favorably reported with an amendment.

S. 440 was reported and placed on the Senate Calendar on May 22, and taken up on June 15, after a cloture petition was filed and subsequently withdrawn. Senators Warner, Chafee, and Baucus managed the bill during the six legislative days it was under consideration. The Senate approved the bill on June 22, by a voice vote.

A House/Senate conference was convened on September 26, to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill. The conference committee held one public meeting and then filed a conference report (H. Rept. 104–245) on November 15. The conference report was agreed to in the Senate by a vote of 80–16 on November 17, and in the House by voice vote on November 18. The final bill was signed into law by President Clinton on November 28, 1995 (Public Law 104–59).

The National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 approved the National Highway System which is a network of approximately 160,000 miles of highway in our nation. Although they account for only a small part of the total public road miles, these roads carry the majority of the nation’s commerce. Passage of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 allowed States to receive annual apportionments of approximately $6.5 billion, consisting of
$3.6 billion for the National Highway System and $2.9 billion for interstate maintenance.

In addition, the Act significantly reduces paperwork and regulatory burdens; increases flexibility in the management systems; allows for the preservation of environmental and scenic values to be taken into consideration when designing highways; allows the use of Federal-aid funds for preventive maintenance; postpones the mandate requiring metric signs until 2000; and implements the transportation enhancement program.

On July 11, 1995, the committee held a business meeting to mark up an original bill to authorize an increased Federal share on hundreds of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996. The draft bill was ordered favorably reported. On July 12, the bill was introduced and reported to the Senate (S. Rept. 104–111). S. 1023 passed in the Senate by a voice vote on July 20. The Senate agreed to the House passed version, H.R. 2017, on July 31. H.R. 2017 was signed into law by President Clinton on August 4, 1995 (Public Law 104–21).

S. 1023 was introduced because the District of Columbia was experiencing budget problems that jeopardized the transportation infrastructure of the Federal City. The legislation authorized the Secretary of Transportation to increase the Federal cost share of the Federal-aid highway program up to 100 percent for the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995–1996. In addition, the bill permitted the Secretary to increase the Federal cost share only for projects on the National Highway System and any other projects that the Secretary determined to be of regional significance. The District was obligated to repay the local match by September 30, 1996.

CLEAN WATER

Chairman John Chafee introduced S. 1033, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish uniform national discharge standards for the control of water pollution from vessels of the Armed Forces. The committee held a business meeting to consider the draft legislation and ordered it reported on July 11, 1995. On July 13, the bill was reported to the Senate and placed on the Calendar (S. Rept. 104–113). S. 1033 was later adopted as an amendment to S. 1026, Fiscal Year 1996 Department of Defense authorization bill.

S. 1390, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit a private person against whom a civil or administrative penalty is assessed to use the amount of the penalty to fund a community environmental project, was introduced and referred to the committee on November 3, 1995. A full committee hearing was held on December 13.

S. 1391, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit the imposition of any civil or administrative penalty against a unit of local government for a violation of the Act when a compliance plan with respect to the violation is in effect, was introduced and referred to the committee on November 3, 1995. A full committee hearing was held on December 13, 1995.

S. 811, the Water Desalination Research and Development Act of 1996, a bill to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities,
qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, was introduced on May 17, 1995, and referred to the committee. The full committee held a business meeting on March 28, 1996, and ordered the bill to be reported favorably, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (S. Rept. 104–254). On May 3, the bill was passed in the Senate. The Senate agreed to an amended House version of the bill on September 27, by voice vote. On October 11, 1996, President Clinton signed the bill (Public Law 104–298).

S. 1730, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make the Act more effective in preventing oil pollution in the Nation’s waters through enhanced prevention of, and improved response to, oil spills, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, was introduced by Chairman Chafee and referred to the committee on May 7, 1996. The committee held a hearing on June 4, 1996. The committee considered the bill on June 18 and June 20 and ordered it favorably reported with an amendment (S. Rept. 104–292). A modified version of the bill was included in S. 1004, a bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, during conference. The conference report on S. 1004 was agreed to in the Senate on September 28, by voice vote (H. Rept. 104–854). President Clinton signed S. 1004 into law on October 19, 1996 (Public Law 104–324).

WATER RESOURCES

The committee has jurisdiction over the water resources activities within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works program. During the 104th Congress the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held one hearing on a proposal to authorize funds for the programs of the Water Resources Development Act and to examine the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 1996 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Senator John Warner introduced S. 640, The Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The bill provided for the conservation and development of water and related resources and authorized the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. On August 2, 1995, the committee ordered S. 640 favorably reported with amendments (S. Rept. 104–170). On July 11, 1996, after one day of floor debate, the Senate passed S. 640 by a voice vote.

On July 30, 1996, S. 640 passed in the House by voice vote after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 3592. On September 25, 1996, the conference report was filed in the House (H. Rept. 104–843). The House agreed to the conference report on the bill by voice vote on September 26, 1996. The Senate agreed to the conference report by voice vote on September 27, 1996. The final bill was signed into law by President Clinton on October 12, 1996 (Public Law 104–303).

S. 1406, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the city of Eufaula, OK, a parcel of land located at the Eufaula Lake project, was introduced and referred to the committee on November 9, 1995. The committee ordered the bill favorably reported on December 19, 1995 (S. Rept. 104–205). The Senate passed S. 1406 as amended on June 5 by voice vote. In the House, the S.
1406 was referred to committee and it was incorporated into H.R. 3593, which subsequently became the substitute language for S. 640, the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. S. 640 was passed in the Senate on July 11, 1996 and signed into law by President Clinton on October 12, 1996 (Public Law 104–303).

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The committee has jurisdiction over the public buildings activities of the U.S. General Services Administration. The committee is responsible for all specific building projects and oversight of the activities of the Public Buildings Service. The committee also has jurisdiction over the naming of public facilities, except post offices, or buildings not under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration.

During the 104th Congress the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held three oversight hearings, on July 13, 1995, November 2, 1995, and June 25, 1996, on the design, purchase, construction, and lease of Federal buildings and courthouses within the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration, and to consider S. 1005, the Public Buildings Reform Act of 1995. In addition, the subcommittee held one hearing, on May 7, 1996, to consider the authorization request for the Public Buildings Program for fiscal year 1997, and to hear a proposal to transfer General Service Administration-owned property to Fairfax County, VA, for the possible future use as a site for a major league baseball stadium. Twenty-three bills to name or rename public facilities within the jurisdiction of the committee were signed into law during the 104th Congress.

S. 1005, the Public Buildings Reform Act of 1995 was introduced by Senator Max Baucus on June 29, 1995. On December 19, 1995, the committee ordered S. 1005 favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. On February 9, 1996, S. 1005 was reported to the Senate (S. Rept. 104–232) and, by a voice vote on May 16, the Senate adopted the committee amendment. No similar action, however, was taken in the House on this measure.

The objective of S. 1005 was to establish a process that will achieve greater discipline on the cost of new Federal buildings and courthouses, assuring that the priorities for public building construction projects are clearly identified. The bill would require a prioritization of all General Service Administration Federal buildings projects: construction, acquisition, purchasing and leasing. This prioritization, based on criteria established in the bill, would ensure that adequate information is submitted to Congress for each request.

DRINKING WATER

The committee's most significant environmental accomplishment during the 104th Congress was the development of legislation to reform the Safe Drinking Water Act, S. 1316, which was enacted into law.

In 1986, Congress enacted comprehensive amendments to Title XIV of the Public Health Service Act, commonly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act. However, as EPA began to implement the
1986 amendments, there were concerns that several of the new provisions were too stringent, especially the contaminant selection and monitoring provisions. In September, 1992, the Senate approved an amendment by Senators Chafee and Lautenberg to an appropriations bill, requiring EPA to issue a report on the quality of drinking water and on the implementation of the 1986 amendments making “recommendations concerning the reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act.” In September, 1993, EPA issued the report required by the 1992 amendment. The report found that, overall, “[d]espite progress so far, threats of waterborne disease and chemical contamination remain a national concern.” It also identified several shortcomings to the SDWA. One was insufficient funding of state and local drinking water programs. Another was the ongoing requirement that EPA regulate an additional 25 contaminants every 3 years, which, EPA argued, “will add considerably to the regulatory burden on States and drinking water systems (especially small systems), and detract from implementation of priority contaminants.” Another was the failure to focus on the special needs of small communities. In addition, the report recommended that there should be a greater focus on source water protection.

During the 103d Congress, the committee developed legislation to address these and other concerns. The bill, S. 2019, was reported by the committee by a vote of 17–0 and passed by the Senate by a vote of 95–3, but was not enacted into law.

During the 104th Congress, the committee resumed its effort to reform the Safe Drinking Water Act. Senators Kempthorne, Chafee, Baucus, and Reid introduced S. 1316, on October 12, 1995, with 20 co-sponsors. The bill proposed comprehensive amendments to reauthorize the Act and correct the impairments in our Nation’s drinking water supply. The bill included several key themes—

- Authorized a new grant program to capitalize State revolving funds to make grants and loans for drinking water treatment;
- Established new principles for the selection of contaminants for regulation;
- Allowed EPA to weigh relative costs and health benefits and competing health risks in new standards;
- Improved the provisions for notifying the public about the quality of the local drinking water;
- Authorized variances for small system that cannot afford to comply with national standards;
- Encouraged voluntary partnerships at the local level to protect source waters from contamination;
- Gave each State flexibility to tailor monitoring requirements to the conditions that exists in the State; and
- Increased funding for State program administration and technical assistance.

The committee held one hearing to consider S. 1316, on October 19, 1995. The committee met on October 24, 1995, and ordered the bill favorably reported with amendments by a rolcall vote of 16 ayes to 0 nays (S. Rept. 104–169). S. 1316 was considered and approved in the Senate on November 29, 1995 by an unanimous vote of 99 yeas and 0 nays.
A House/Senate conference was convened on July 26, 1996, to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill. The conference committee held one public meeting and filed a conference report on August 1, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–741). The conference report was agreed to in the House by a vote of 392 yeas to 30 nays and in the Senate by a vote of 98 yeas to 0 nays on August 2, 1996. The conference report was signed into law by President Clinton on August 6, 1996 (Public Law 104–182).

FISH AND WILDLIFE

S. 268, a bill to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections was introduced on January 24, 1995. The bill authorized the Secretary of the Interior to charge fees for expenses to the Federal Government for triploid grass carp certification inspections requested by a person owning or operating an aquaculture. On March 23, 1995 the committee ordered the bill favorably reported. The bill was reported to the Senate on April 18. The Senate passed S. 268 by voice vote on April 26 (S. Rept. 104–51). The House passed an identical version of the bill on October 17, by voice vote. The bill was signed into law by President Clinton on November 1, 1995 (Public Law 104–40).

Three national fish hatchery conveyance bills (H.R. 535, H.R. 584, and H.R. 614) were passed by the Senate on August 9, 1995, after they were favorably reported by the committee on August 2, 1995. These bills directed the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without reimbursements, the national fish hatcheries and related property to the States in which they are located. The three hatcheries are: Corning National Fish Hatchery, Arkansas; Fairport National Fish Hatchery, Iowa; and New London National Fish Hatchery Production Facility, Minnesota. President Clinton signed the bills into law on September 6, 1995, (Public Laws 104–23, 104–24, and 104–25, respectively).

Chairman John Chafee introduced S. 776, reauthorizing the Striped Bass Act on May 9, 1995. S. 776 would continue funding the successful Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, including the authority for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to continue the Striped Bass Study, through fiscal year 1998. A full committee hearing was conducted on December 12, 1995, and the committee ordered the bill favorably reported on December 19. No further action was taken by the Senate.

The committee considered a number of National Wildlife Refuge bills during the 104th Congress, including the following:

On March 28, 1996, the committee ordered favorably reported S. 1422, The Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge, which authorized the Secretary of the Interior to acquire 98 acres, known as the “Shadmoor Parcel,” in East Hampton, New York for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge. On April 19, the committee reported the bill favorably and it was placed on the Senate Calendar (S. Rept. 104–255). On April 24, the Senate received the House companion bill, H.R. 1836, and the Senate agreed to the House version on May 3, 1996, by voice vote. On May 24, H.R. 1836 was signed into law (Public Law 104–148).
H.R. 2679, a bill to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge was reported on June 25, 1996. In addition, the committee ordered favorably reported S. 1871, a bill to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge. On June 25, 1996, S. 1871 and H.R 2679 were placed on the Senate Calendar (S. Rept. 104–291 and 104–527 respectively). The text of S. 1871 was added to H.R. 2679 as the Chafee amendment and subsequently passed in the Senate by a voice vote on June 27. On October 1, 1996, H.R. 2679 was signed into law (Public Law 104–212).

H.R. 1772, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex was ordered favorably reported by the committee on June 25, 1996, without a written report. On September 18, H.R. 1772 passed in the Senate by voice vote. On October 1, H.R. 1772 was signed into law (Public Law 104–209).

H.R. 2660, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge was ordered reported on June 25, 1996. On September 24, H.R. 2660 passed in the Senate by voice vote. On October 9, H.R. 2660 was signed into law (Public Law 104–253).

S. 1802, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming was reported by the committee on June 25, 1996 (S. Rept. 104–290). On September 24, S. 1802 was considered and passed in the Senate by a voice vote with amendments. On October 9, S. 1802 was signed into law (Public Law 104–276).

S. 1611, a bill to establish the Kentucky National Wildlife Refuge was reported by the committee on April 25, 1996 (S. Rept. 104–257). No further action was taken by the Senate.

WETLANDS

S. 851, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reform the wetlands regulatory program, was introduced and referred to the committee on May 25, 1995. The Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety held one hearing on S. 851 and two oversight hearings on wetlands issues. The full committee held a hearing on wetlands mitigation banking on March 14, 1996.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife held six hearings in Washington DC and three field hearings in Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming on the Endangered Species Act. The hearings covered a wide variety of areas including reauthorization of the Act, oversight, improved consultation among the Federal agencies responsible for regulating the Act, and the imposition of a moratorium on certain activities under the ESA. In addition, the subcommittee held one business meeting to consider S. 503, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act to impose a moratorium on the listing of species as endangered or threatened and the designation of critical habitat.
On January 11, 1995, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison introduced S. 191, the Farm, Ranch, and Homestead Act of 1995, which would amend the Endangered Species Act to impose a moratorium on certain activities under the Act. On March 6, 1995, Senator Hutchison introduced a modified version of the bill as S. 503. On March 7, the subcommittee held a hearing on S. 191 and S. 503. On March 14, the subcommittee met and reported S. 503 to the full committee with amendments. On March 16, Senator Hutchison proposed the substance of S. 503 to the Department of Defense emergency supplemental appropriations bill, H.R. 889, and the amendment was adopted by a voice vote after the Senate voted to overturn a point of order against the amendment (as legislation on an appropriations bill) by a vote of 42–57. The amendment was included in the final version of H.R. 889, which President Clinton signed into law on April 10, 1995 (Public Law 104–6).

NONINDIGENOUS SPECIES

S. 1660, a bill to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States, was introduced by Senator John Glenn on March 29, 1996, and referred to the committee. S. 1660 was sequentially referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for 20 calendar days. The Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife held a hearing on the bill on September 19, 1996. A similar bill, H.R. 4283, was referred to the committee on October 3, and subsequently discharged by unanimous consent. H.R. 4283 was passed in the Senate by voice vote on October 3, 1996. President Clinton signed the final version on October 26, 1996 (Public Law 104–332).

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACT

S. 1873, a bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, was introduced and referred to the committee on June 13, 1996. The committee ordered the bill favorably reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute on July 24, 1996. On July 29, 1996, the bill was reported to the Senate and was placed on the Calendar (S. Rept. 104–366). S. 1873 passed in the Senate after agreeing to the committee amendment by voice vote on August 2, 1996. No further action was taken by the House.

SUPERFUND AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT

During the 104th Congress the Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment held seven oversight hearings prior to the introduction of a bill to reauthorize the laws pertaining to the Superfund. On September 29, 1996, Senators Smith and Chafee introduced S. 1285, “The Accelerated Cleanup and Environmental Restoration Act of 1995.” Two full committee hearings were held on the bill after its introduction.

S. 1497, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility, was introduced on December 21, 1995, and referred to the committee. H.R. 2036, a similar bill, was referred to the com-
mittee on February 1, 1996. On February 20, 1996, the committee agreed to discharge the bill and it was passed in the Senate with amendments. The House agreed to the Senate amendments on March 7. President Clinton signed the bill into law on March 26, 1996 (Public Law 104–119).

The committee considered S. 534, the Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1995. The subcommittee held one hearing on March 1, 1995 and one business meeting on March 15, 1995. On March 23, 1995, the full committee favorably reported S. 543 with amendments. On May 16, 1995, by a vote of 94 to 6, the Senate agreed to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and amendments proposed thereto after 4 days of floor debate (S. Rept. 104–52). No action was taken in the House.

S. 534 would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act, to provide authority for States to regulate the interstate transportation of municipal solid wastes and to provide States and political subdivisions authority to flow control waste.

S. 619, a bill to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, was introduced on March 24, 1995. On August 2, 1995, the full committee held a business meeting and favorably reported the bill with amendments. S. 619 passed in the Senate by voice vote on September 21, 1995 after the adoption of committee amendments (S. Rept. 104–136). The House companion bill, H.R. 2024, was received from the House and passed by the Senate on April 25, 1996. H.R. 2024 was signed into law by President Clinton on May 13, 1996 (Public Law 104–142).

NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works approved eight Presidential nominations during the 104th Congress. The nominations which the committee approved and for which the Senate gave advice and consent were as follows:

**Council on Environmental Quality**

Kathleen A. McGinty, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, having been appointed by the President during a Senate adjournment.

**Department of Commerce**

Phillip A. Singerman, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

**Mississippi River Commission**

John Carter Albright, of Washington, serving as Director, National Pacific Marine Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Greta Joy Dicus, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Hubert T. Bell, Jr., of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The full committee held the following hearings:
On February 15, 1995, hearing on the President’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1996 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

On February 16, 1995, hearing on the nomination of Shirley Ann Jackson and Dan M. Berkovitz, to be members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Ms. Jackson was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Bradley. Mr. Berkovitz was introduced by Senator Graham.

On March 17, 1995, hearing on the impact of consultations by the Department of the Interior and Department of Defense on the Endangered Species Act and military operations at Ft. Bragg, NC; and on rights of access to the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia, receiving testimony from George Frampton, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Lewis D. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army; Major General Richard E. Davis, U.S. Army; General Carl Stiner, U.S. Army (Retired); Robert Shallenberger, Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Joseph McCauley, Acting Manager, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge; Joseph Elton, Director of State Parks, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Richmond, VA; and Molly Brown, Citizens for Solutions, Virginia Beach, VA.

On March 22, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight on the impact of certain regulatory reform proposals on environmental laws, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Steven Kaplan, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Tom Looby, director, Office of Environment, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Thomas McGarity, professor, University of Texas Law School, Austin, TX; Cass Sunstein, professor, University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL; John Graham, director, Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, Boston, MA; Michael Baroody, vice president for public affairs, National Association of Manufacturers; and George C. Freeman, Jr. and Philip J. Harter, cochairs, American Bar Association’s Working Group on Regulatory Reform.

On June 27, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight on effects of Federal regulations upon the use and value of private property, and
possible applications of the “takings” provisions of the U.S. Constitution, receiving testimony from John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Joseph L. Sax, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Roger J. Marzulla, Esq., Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, Washington, DC; Frank I. Michelman, professor, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA; Roger Pilon, CATO Institute, Washington, DC; Jim Little, National Cattlemen’s Association, Emmett, ID; Don Martin, National Homebuilders Association, Albuquerque, NM; Richard Russman, New Hampshire State Senator, Kingston, NH; Edward M. Thompson, Jr., American Farmland Trust, Washington, DC.

On June 29, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight, in a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, over the environmental effects of pipeline leaks and oil spills in the Komi region of Russia, receiving testimony from Robert J. Huggett, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Jerry A. Galt, Chief, Modeling and Simulations Studies Branch, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Gary Brass, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Jacqueline Michel, Research Planning; Richard Golob, World Information Systems; Cameron Duncan, Greenpeace International; Tom Royer, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK.

On July 12, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight on effects of Federal regulations upon the use and value of private property, and possible applications of the “takings” provisions of the U.S. Constitution, receiving testimony from Alice Rivlin, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Paul Tsongas, former U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; John Shanahan, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC; Michael L. Davis, Assistant for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Civil Works, Department of the Army; Gary S. Guzy, Deputy General Counsel, Environmental Protection Agency; C. Ford Runge, professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN; Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, DC; Richard Lazarus, professor, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO; Jonathan H. Adler, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; and Steven J. Eagle, professor, George Mason Law School, Arlington, VA.

On August 10, 1995, hearing on the nomination of Greta Joy Dicus to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The nominee testified and answered questions on her own behalf. Ms. Dicus was introduced by Senator Bumpers.

On September 27, 1995, hearing on the nomination of Kathleen A. McGinty to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality. The nominee testified and answered questions on her own behalf.

On October 19, 1995, hearing to consider S. 1316, the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1995”; receiving testimony from Carol Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson, Lincoln, NE; Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, Columbus, OH; Jeffrey Wennberg, Mayor of Rutland, VT; Gurnie C. Gunter, Director, Kansas City Water Services Department, Kansas City, MO, on behalf
of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, on behalf of the Campaign for Safe and Affordable Drinking Water; Donald Satchwell, East Green Acres Irrigation District, Post Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the American Waterworks Association; Dan Keil, Montana Rural Water Systems, Conrad, MT, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; David Ozonoff, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA; Richard J. Bull, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Richland, WA; and William R. Mills, Jr., Orange County Water District, Orange County, California, on behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies.

On November 7, 1995, hearing on the nominations of Phillip A. Singerman, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Also on the nomination of John C. Albright, of Washington, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission. Mr. Singerman was introduced by Senators Santorum and Lieberman. The nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

On December 12, 1995, hearing to consider S. 776, the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act of 1995, as reported from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, receiving testimony from Jamie Geiger, Assistant Regional Director for Fisheries, Northeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Richard H. Schaefer, Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; John H. Dunnigan, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Washington, DC; Mark R. Gibson, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wickford, RI; Damon M. Tatem, Jr., Tatem's Fish and Tackle Shop, Nags Head, NC, on behalf of Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission; and Charles Bergmann, Axelsson and Johnson, Cape May, NJ.

On December 13, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the Clean Water Act, focusing on municipal and stormwater management issues, receiving testimony from Senator Pressler, Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg, Rutland, VT; Paul Pinault, executive director, Narragansett Bay Commission, Providence, RI, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies; Paul Marchetti, executive director, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, Harrisburg, PA; Jessica Landman, attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.; Al Bilik, president, Public Employee Department, AFL-CIO; and Ronald S. Dungan, senior vice president, United Water Resources, on behalf of the National Association of Water Companies.

On March 14, 1996, hearing to review proposals for wetland mitigation banking reforms, receiving testimony from H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, who was accompanied by Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas R. Hebert, Deputy Under Secretary for Conservation, U.S. Department of Agriculture; John Dorney, Wetlands Manager, North Carolina Depart-
ment of Environmental Health and Natural Resources, Raleigh, NC; Steve Gordon, Council of Lane County Governments, Eugene, OR; John Ryan, president, Land and Water Resources, Inc., Rosemont, IL; Denver Stutler, partner, ECOBANK, Winterpark, FL; Robert D. Sokolove, president, U.S. Wetlands Services, L.P.; Bethesda, MD; William J. Mitsch, professor, School of Natural Resources, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Leonard Shabman, professor, Department of Agriculture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA; Charlie Ruma, vice president, National Association of Home Builders, Columbus, OH; Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation; and Curtis C. Bohlen, Center for Estuarine and Environmental Studies, University of Maryland, Solomons, MD.

On March 27, 1996, hearing to review legislative proposals to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, particularly relative to issues raised by the oil spills from marine accidents in the waters off Rhode Island and Texas, receiving testimony from Rear Admiral James C. Card, Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, accompanied by Daniel Sheehan, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, Arlington, VA; Hon. Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, U.S. Department of Commerce; Tim Keeney, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence, RI; Tom Allegretti, President, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, VA; George Blake, Executive Vice President, Maritime Overseas Corporation, New York, NY; Sally Ann Lentz, executive director, Ocean Advocates, Columbia, MD, on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council; Barry M. Hartman, Counsel to Rhode Island Lobstermen’s Association, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart; Richard H. Hobbie III, President, Water Quality Insurance Syndicate, New York, NY; Mark Miller, President, National Response Corporation, Calverton, NY; and Bill Gordon, Professor of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

On April 23, 1996, hearing to consider S. 1285, the “Accelerated Cleanup and Environmental Restoration Act of 1995,” as amended by Senate Amendments 2846 and 3563 (in the nature of a substitute), receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Thomas P. Grumbly, Acting Under Secretary of Energy; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; J. Lawrence Wilson, chairman, Rohm & Haas Co., Philadelphia, PA, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association; Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund; Barbara J. Price, vice president for health, safety, and the environment, Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, OK, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; and John Spisak, chief executive officer, Terranext Corp., Lakewood, CO.

On April 24, 1996, hearing to resume consideration of S. 1285, the “Accelerated Cleanup and Environmental Restoration Act of 1995,” as amended by Senate Amendments 2846 and 3563 (in the nature of a substitute), receiving testimony from Senator
On May 2, 1996, hearing on the nomination of Hubert T. Bell, Jr., to be the Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The nominee testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

On June 4, 1996, hearing to consider S. 1730, the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Improvement Act, receiving testimony from Rear Admiral James C. Card, Chief for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Sidney H. Holbrook, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; Thomas A. Allegretti, president, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, VA; John Torgan, Save the Bay, Providence, RI; Richard du Moulin, chairman, Marine Transport Lines, Inc., Secaucus, NJ, on behalf of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners; Douglas Wolcott, chairman, National Research Council's Committee on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990; George Savastano, director of public works, Ocean City, NJ; and Richard Hobbie, president, Water Quality Insurance Syndicate, New York, NY, on behalf of the American Institute of Marine Underwriters.

On July 24, 1996, hearing on the nominations of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., and Nils J. Diaz of to be members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Mr. McGaffigan was introduced by Senators Bingaman and Domenici. Mr. Diaz was introduced by Senators Graham and Mack.
FULL COMMITTEE FIELD HEARINGS

On December 9, 1995, in Bozeman, MT, hearing to consider S. 1019, the Whirling Disease Response Act, a bill to direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to examine the impacts of whirling disease, and other parasites and pathogens, on trout in the Madison River, Montana, in similar habitats. The committee received testimony from John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Robin Cunningham, president, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana, Bozeman, MT; Paul Roos, Paul Roos Outfitter, Helena, MT; Ed Williams, Chamber of Commerce, Ennis, MT; Marshall Bloom, regional vice president, Trout Unlimited, and cochair, Montana Whirling Disease Task Force; Pat Graham, Director for State of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and cochair, Montana Whirling Disease Task Force; Karl Johnson, professor, Montana State University, and member Montana Whirling Disease Foundation; Bob Swenson, vice president of research, Montana State University; Beth MacConnell, fish biologist, Fish Technology Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dick Vincent, fish biologist, State of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

On February 14, 1996, in Narragansett, RI, hearing to conduct oversight concerning the oil spill that occurred following the accident of the barge, North Cape, in the Block Island Sound, Rhode Island. The hearing was held in the Town Council chambers of Narragansett, RI, and the committee received testimony from Representative Jack Reed, of Rhode Island; Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond; Vice Adm. Arthur E. Henn, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Phillip Singerman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; John Bullard, Director of Sustainable Development and Intergovernmental Affairs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; Capt. P. “Barney” Turlo, U.S. Coast Guard, Providence, RI; Charles Hebert, Fish and Wildlife Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; Douglas Eklof, Vice President, Eklof Marine Corporation, Staten Island, NY; Anne Considine, Director of Marketing and Tourism, South County Council on Tourism, Wakefield, RI; Jim O’Malley, Executive Director, East Coast Fisheries Association, Narragansett, RI; Brian Turnbaugh, fisherman, Wakefield, RI; Robert Smith, President, Rhode Island Lobsterman’s Association, Charlestown, RI; Curt Spalding, Save the Bay, Providence, RI; and Dennis Nixon, professor, Department of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETINGS

On January 12, 1995, ordered reported an original resolution requesting $2,351,491 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1995, through February 29, 1996, and $2,404,115 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1996, through February 28, 1997.

On March 23, 1995, ordered reported, S. 534, as amended, the Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1995;
and S. 268, authorizing the certification of triploid grass carp by
the Fish and Wildlife Service.

On April 4, 1995, reported the nomination of Shirley Ann Jack-
son, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Com-
misson.

On May 10, 1995, ordered reported, S. 440, as amended, the Na-

On July 11, 1995, ordered reported two original bills: to provide
uniform water discharge standards for U.S. military naval vessels;
and to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to provide an in-
creased Federal cost share of highway funding for the District of
Columbia.

On August 2, 1995, the committee ordered reported:
S. 640, Water Resources Development Act of 1995, as amend-
ed;
S. 619, Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Man-
agement Act, as amended;
S. 369, Seymour H. Lynne Federal Courthouse, Decatur, AL;
S. 734, Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal
Building, Reno, NV;
S. 965, Albert V. Bryan U.S. Courthouse, Alexandria, VA;
S. 1076, Francis J. Hagel Building, Richmond, CA;
H.R. 535, a bill to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery
to the State of Arkansas;
H.R. 584, a bill to convey the Fairport National Fish Hatchery
to the State of Iowa;
H.R. 614, a bill to convey the New London National Fish Hatchery to the State of Minnesota;
Agreed to committee resolution to authorize:
National Resource Conservation Service to modify project at
McCoy Watershed, California;
National Resource Conservation Service to modify project at
Doyle Creek, Kansas;
Study at the Fargo-Moorhead Midtown Dam, North Dakota;
Study at the Misquamicut in Westerly, Rhode Island.

On September 19, 1995, considered and agreed to bill language
to be submitted to the Senate Committee on the Budget which
identifies the reconciliation recommendations for authorizations
under the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works. The language conforms to the budget reconcili-
ation instructions in H. Con. Res. 67, 104th Congress. In addition,
the committee reported the nomination of Greta J. Dicus, of Arkan-
sas, to be Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

On October 24, 1995, the committee ordered reported:
S. 1316, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1995,
as amended;
S. 1097, a bill designating the “David J. Wheeler Federal
Building”, Baker City; and
The nomination of Kathleen A. McGinty, of Pennsylvania, to be Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.
The committee also agreed to the following 35 committee resolu-
tions to approve prospectuses (pursuant to 40 U.S.C., 606):
For the construction of a laboratory building to house the National Water Quality Laboratory of the U.S. Geological Survey, in Lakewood, CO;

To acquire a site and design for a U.S. Border Station in Sweetgrass, MT;

Providing for the construction of a Federal building annex to the Department of Veterans Affairs Automation Center, Austin, TX;

Providing for the construction of a U.S. Border Station in Blaine-Pacific Highway, WA;

Providing for the construction of a U.S. Border Station I Point Roberts, WA;

Providing for the construction of a computing facility for the Internal Revenue Service, Martinsburg, WV;

Providing for the site acquisition, design, and construction of a U.S. Border Station for the U.S. Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the General Services Administration, Highgate Springs, VT;

Providing for the alteration to replace or retrofit existing air conditioning equipment currently using chlorofluorocarbon refrigerants in various Federal buildings;

Providing for the alteration to replace or modernize existing elevators in various Federal buildings;

Providing for the implementation of energy retrofit and conservation measures in various Federal buildings;

Providing for the modernization of a Federal building in Little Rock, AR;

Providing for the modernization of the U.S. Customs-Interstate Commerce Commission-Connecting Wing Complex, Washington, DC;

Providing for the modernization of the Federal Building-Post Office-Courthouse in Bismarck, ND;

Providing for the modernization of the Social Security Administration’s Mid-Atlantic Program Service Center, Philadelphia, PA;

Providing for the modernization of the A. Maceo Smith Federal Building, Dallas, TX;

Providing for the alteration of the J.O. Pastore Federal Building-U.S. Post Office, Providence, RI;

Providing for the lease of space to consolidate the Federal Communications Commission in the Central Employment Area, Washington, DC;

Providing for the lease of space for the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), Denver, CO;

Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Boston, MA;

Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Defense, Arlington, VA;

Providing for the lease of space for the Drug Enforcement Administration, New York, NY;

Providing for the lease of space for the Internal Revenue Service, San Jose, CA;

Providing for the lease of space for the Internal Revenue Service, Denver, CO;
Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC;
Providing for the lease of space for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, DC;
Providing for the lease of space for the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC;
Providing for the lease of space for the U.S. Information Agency, Washington, DC;
Internal Revenue Service, Fort Lauderdale, FL;
Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Justice, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Executive Office of Immigration Review, Miami, FL;
Providing for the lease of space for the Environmental Protection Agency, Boston, MA;
Providing for the lease of space for the U.S. Customs Service, Newark and Elizabeth, NJ;
Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Agriculture, Arlington, VA;
Providing for the lease of space for the Patent and Trademark Office, Arlington, VA;
Providing for the lease of space for the Department of Agriculture, Kansas City Metropolitan Area, Missouri; and
Providing for the lease of space for the Army Corps of Engineers, Southbridge, MA.

On November 9, 1995, reported the nomination of Phillip A. Singerman, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Also reported the nomination of John C. Albright, of Washington, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

On December 19, 1995, the committee ordered reported:
S. 776, Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1995;
S. 1005, Public Buildings Reform Act of 1995, as amended;
S. 1315, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, DC;
S. 1388, Howard H. Baker, Jr., United States Courthouse, Knoxville, TN;
H.R. 965, Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building, Louisville, KY;
H.R. 1253, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge;
H.R. 2005, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections in the Fire Island unit of the Coastal Barrier Resources System;
S. 1406, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the city of Eufaula, OK, a parcel of land located at the Eufaula Lake project.

The committee agreed to 20 committee resolutions to approve prospectuses relating to courthouses providing for:
The construction of a Federal building-U.S. Courthouse in Central Islip, NY;
The construction of a Federal building-U.S. Courthouse in Tucson, AZ;
The construction of a Federal building-U.S. Courthouse in Brownsville, TX;
The acquisition of a site and design of a U.S. Courthouse in Corpus Christi, TX;
The construction of a U.S. Courthouse in Lafayette, LA;
The construction of a Federal building-U.S. Courthouse in Omaha, NE;
The construction of a U.S. Courthouse Annex in Scranton, PA;
The construction of a U.S. Courthouse in Tallahassee, FL;
The construction of a Federal building-U.S. Courthouse in Albuquerque, NM;
The acquisition of a site, design and construction of a U.S. Courthouse in Las Vegas, NV;
The design of a U.S. Courthouse in Jacksonville, FL;
The design of a U.S. Courthouse Annex in Columbia, SC;
The construction of a U.S. Courthouse in Albany, GA;
The acquisition of a site and design of a U.S. Courthouse in London, KY;
The acquisition of a site and design of a U.S. Courthouse in Greeneville, TN;
The acquisition of a site and design of a U.S. Courthouse in Covington, KY;
The design of a U.S. Courthouse Annex at Third and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC;
The acquisition of a site and design of a U.S. Courthouse in Fresno, CA;
The design and construction of a building for the U.S. Secret Service Office of Training, at the James Rowley Training Center, Beltsville, MD;
The modernization of the U.S. Post Office-Courthouse in Old San Juan, PR;
The lease of space for the Department of Defense in Arlington, VA; and
The lease of space for the Department of Commerce in Northern Virginia.

The committee also agreed to a resolution directing the Secretary of the Army to study flood control and ecosystem improvements on the Upper Truckee River Watershed, California and Nevada.

On March 28, 1996, the committee ordered reported the following bills:

H.R. 255, to designate the James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, Miami, FL;
H.R. 869, to designate the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, Youngstown, OH;
H.R. 1804 to designate the Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building, Fort Smith, AR;
H.R. 2415, to designate the Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building, El Paso, TX;
H.R. 2556, to designate the Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building, Menlo Park, CA;
H.R. 1743, Reauthorization of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as amended;
S. 811, Water Desalinization Research and Development Act of 1995, as amended;
S. 1611, a bill to establish the Kentucky National Wildlife Refuge;
S. 1422, a bill to authorize acquisition of property for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge, East Hampton, NY; and


The committee agreed to the following resolutions:

To authorize construction of an EPA research facility in Research Triangle Park, NC;

To authorize the design phase of 15 GSA repair and alteration projects; and

To direct the Secretary of the Army to study Santa Margarita River, Riverside and San Diego Counties, San Diego Streams, California.

On May 14, 1996, the committee reported the nomination of Hubert T. Bell, Jr., to be Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

On June 18, 1996, the following measures were considered but no final action was taken:

S. 1730, Oil Spill Prevention and Response Improvement Act;
S. 1636, a bill to designate the “Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse,” Portland, OR;
H.R. 3364, a bill to designate the “William J. Nealon U.S. Courthouse,” Scranton, PA;
H.R. 1772, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;
H.R. 2660, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge;
H.R. 2679, a bill to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge;
H.R. 2982, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;
S. 1802, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming; and
S. 1871, a bill to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge.

The following committee resolutions were considered, but no final action was taken:

To direct the Secretary of the Army to review previous reports by the Chief of Engineers on the Jordan River at Salt Lake City, UT, to determine whether modifications are warranted in the interest of environmental restoration, flood protection, or other water resources development; and

To direct the Secretary of the Army to review previous reports by the Chief of Engineers on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable for flood control and related water improvements in the metropolitan Memphis area, including: Shelby, Tipton, Fayett counties, in Tennessee, and Desoto and Marshall counties, in Mississippi.
On June 20, 1996, the committee reported the following measures:

- S. 1730, Oil Spill Prevention and Response Improvement Act;
- S. 1636, a bill to designate the “Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse,” Portland, OR;
- H.R. 3364, a bill to designate the “William J. Nealon U.S. Courthouse,” Scranton, PA;
- H.R. 1772, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;
- H.R. 2660, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge;
- H.R. 2679, a bill to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge;
- H.R. 2982, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;
- S. 1802, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming; and
- S. 1871, a bill to to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge.

The following committee resolutions were agreed to:

- To direct the Secretary of the Army to review previous reports by the Chief of Engineers on the Jordan River at Salt Lake City, UT, to determine whether modifications are warranted in the interest of environmental restoration, flood protection, or other water resources development; and
- To direct the Secretary of the Army to review previous reports by the Chief of Engineers on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable for flood control and related water improvements in the metropolitan Memphis area, including: Shelby, Tipton, Fayett counties, in Tennessee, and Desoto and Marshall counties, in Mississippi.

On July 24, 1996, the committee ordered reported:

- S. 1873, National Environmental Education Amendments Act of 1996;
- H.R. 2909, the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Eminent Domain Prevention Act;
- S. 1875, to designate the U.S. Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the “James A. Redden Federal Courthouse;”
- S. 1877, to designate the U.S. Courthouse located at 611 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the “Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse;”
- H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal Building at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the U.S. Courthouse located on Otis Street in Asheville, N.C., as the “Veach-Baley Federal Complex;”
- H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal Building at 1655 Woodson Street in Overland, Missouri, as the Sammy L. Davis Federal Building;
H.R. 3400, to designate the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;” and
H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on U.S. Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the “William H. Natcher Bridge.”
The committee approved resolutions authorizing the General Services Administration to construct the following new buildings:
- Philadelphia, PA, Veterans Administration;
- Brooklyn, NY, courthouse;
- Corpus Christi, TX, courthouse;
- Cleveland, OH, courthouse;
- Seattle, WA, courthouse;
- Las Vegas, NV, courthouse;
- Denver, CO, courthouse site/design;
- London, KY, courthouse;
- Columbia, SC, courthouse;
- Miami, FL, courthouse;
- Salt Lake City, UT, courthouse;
- Covington, KY, courthouse; and
- Portland, OR, consolidated law enforcement building site.

The committee approved resolutions authorizing the General Services Administration to alter or repair the following buildings (listed in order of GSA priority):
- Fort Worth, TX, Federal building, roof repair;
- Albany, NY, Post office and courthouse alteration;
- Honolulu, HI, Federal building and courthouse;
- Nationwide (DC&VA) elevator repairs;
- Nationwide Energy program retrofit;
- Nationwide CFC program retrofit;
- Andover, MA, IRS Service Center alteration design;
- Brookhaven, NY, IRS Service Center alteration;
- Chicago, IL, E.M. Dirksen Courthouse alteration;
- Washington, DC, Ariel Rios Building alteration;
- Camden, NJ, Federal building and courthouse alteration;
- Scranton, PA, Federal building and courthouse;
- Concord, NH, Federal building alteration;
- Providence, RI, Federal building and courthouse alteration;
- Washington, DC, State Department Building alteration;
- Washington, DC, Department of Justice Building; and
- Richland, WA, Federal building and courthouse.

The committee approved resolutions authorizing the General Services Administration to lease the following buildings (listed in order of GSA priority):
- San Diego, CA, for the Veterans Administration;
- Los Angeles, CA, for the Immigration and Naturalization Service;
- Northern Virginia, for the Department of Defense (3 leases);
- Birmingham, AL, for the Social Security Administration;
- Huntsville, AL, for the Department of Defense;
- Washington, DC, for the Department of Justice (4 leases);
- Washington, DC, for the State Department;
- Washington, DC, for the Peace Corps;
Burlington, MA, for the Federal Aviation Administration;
Austin, TX, for the Internal Revenue Service;
Arlington, VA, for the Department of Defense;
Arlington, VA, for the Drug Enforcement Administration; and
Cleveland, OH, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The committee approved a resolution authorizing the Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed project for the Upper Delaware and Tributaries Watershed located in Atchison, Brown, Jackson, and Nemaha Counties in Kansas; and a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Army to review the report to the Chief of Engineers entitled Survey Report on Flood Control of Walker River and Tributaries in California and Nevada, dated January 23, 1941, and other pertinent Federal and non-Federal reports, with a view to examine flood control, water quality, wetlands habitat, and other environmental restoration opportunities within the Walker River Basin, and the other subbasins of the Walker River Basin, California and Nevada.

On August 1, 1996, the committee reported the nominations of Nils J. Diaz and Edward McGaffigan, Jr. to be Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In addition, the committee agreed to a resolution to authorize the General Services Administration to alter or modify Federal buildings to improve safety.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEETINGS

Activities of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, under the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman, John W. Warner and Ranking Minority Member Max Baucus, included legislative action and oversight of the Nation’s transportation, water resources, public buildings, and disaster relief programs. The subcommittee held 10 hearings and 1 business meeting.

The subcommittee held the following hearings:

On February 14, 1995, hearing to authorize funds for the programs of the Water Resources Development Act and to examine the President’s budget request for Fiscal Year 1996 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, receiving testimony from John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Major General Stanley Genega, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army; Brigadier General Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., U.S. Army, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; Larry King, Acting Director, District of Columbia Department of Public Works; Jeffrey Tarbert, Mayor, Falls Church, VA; Robert R. Perry, City Council Member, Falls Church, VA; Mary Margaret Whipple, Member of the County Board of Supervisors, Arlington, VA; Doug Plasencia, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., Richmond, VA; and Christopher J. Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000, St. Louis, MO.

On February 23, 1995, hearing to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, S. 440, and to examine the President’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1996 for the Department of Transportation, receiving testimony from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Rodney E. Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Gordon
J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Harry W. Blunt, Jr., Concord Coach Lines, Inc., Concord, NH; Hank Dittmar, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington, DC; Robert E. Martinez, Virginia Department of Transportation; Francis B. and Francois, Virginia Department of Transportation.

On March 23, 1995, hearing to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, S. 440, and to assess the effects of transportation conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act of 1990 and the air quality programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, receiving testimony from Virginia Governor George Allen, Richmond, VA; Jane F. Garvey, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Kirk Brown, Illinois Secretary of Transportation, Springfield, IL; William J. Roberts, Environmental Defense Fund; and Brian R. Holmes, Connecticut Road Builders Association, Wethersfield, CT.

On March 30, 1995, hearing to provide for the designation of the National Highway Systems, 440, and to consider transportation and safety matters, receiving testimony from Senators Snowe, Lautenberg, Campbell, and Nickles; Rhode Island State Senator William Énos, Providence, RI; New Hampshire Representative Sherman A. Packard, Londonderry, NH; Illinois State Senator John Cullerton, Chicago, IL; Mark L. Rosenberg, Director, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; Gary B. Sauer, chairman, National Asphalt Pavement Association, Lanham, MD; and Jed S. Billings, president, FNF Construction, Inc., Tempe, AZ.

On April 6, 1995, hearing to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, S. 440, and to consider infrastructural financing issues, as well as the status of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, receiving testimony from Jane Garvey, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Jack Herrity, chairman, Interstate Study Commission, Fairfax, VA; Ann Stern, chairman, Financial Guaranty Insurance Corporation, New York, NY; Ralph Stanley, senior vice president, United Infrastructure, Chicago, IL; and Daniel V. Planagan, chairman, Commission to promote Investment in America's Infrastructure, Arlington, VA.

On July 13, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the General Services Administration in the design, purchase, construction, and lease of Federal buildings and courthouses, and to consider S. 1005, a bill to improve the process of constructing, altering, purchasing and acquiring public buildings, receiving testimony from Roger Johnson, General Services Administrator; Robert C. Broomfield, judge, Federal District of Arizona, and chairman, Judicial Conference Committee on Security, Space, and Facilities; James M. Rosenbaum, judge, Federal District of Minnesota; and J. William Gadsby, General Accounting Office, Washington, DC.

On November 2, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the General Services Administration in the design, purchase, construction, and lease of Federal buildings and courthouses, and to consider S. 1005, a bill to improve the process of constructing, altering, purchasing and acquiring public buildings, receiving testimony from Roger Johnson, General Services Administrator; Robert E. Cowen,
judge, Third Federal Circuit, and chairman of the Judicial Conference Space and Facilities Subcommittee; L. Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Conference of the U.S. Courts; Joel S. Gallay, Deputy Inspector General, General Services Administration.

On May 7, 1996, hearing to consider the authorization request by the General Services Administration for the Public Buildings Program for fiscal year 1997, and to hear a proposal to transfer GSA-owned property to Fairfax County, VA for the possible future use as a site for a major league baseball stadium, receiving testimony from David J. Barram, Acting General Services Administrator; Robert E. Cowen, judge, Third Federal Circuit, and chairman of the Judicial Conference Space and Facilities Subcommittee; Thomas Sherman, Acting Regional Administrator, National Capital Region, General Services Administration; Katherine K. Hanley, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Dana Kauffman, Supervisor for Lee District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; William L. Collins III, chairman, Virginia Baseball Club, L.C., Alexandria, VA; Lee Carson Fifer, Jr., counsel, Maguire, Woods, Battle, and Boothe, McLean, VA, on behalf of the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority; and Addison L. Smith, West Springfield Civic Association, Springfield, Virginia.

On June 25, 1996, hearing to conduct an oversight hearing on the streamlined procedures proposed by the General Services Administration for the leasing of Federal buildings, receiving testimony from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Thomas Sherman, Acting Regional Administrator for the National Capital Region, General Services Administration; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and Michael T. Shehadi, Charles E. Smith Realty Co., Arlington, VA.

On September 11, 1996, hearing to conduct oversight of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and to review the role of Federal, State, and local governments in surface transportation, receiving testimony from Hon. Federico Pena, Secretary of Transportation; Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, Louisville, KY, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Virginia Governor George Allen, Richmond, VA, on behalf of the Southern Governors Association; Mayor Bill Campbell, Atlanta, GA, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; William Burnett, president, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Carol Roberts, Palm Beach, FL, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and Stephen J. Del Giudice, Prince Georges County, Maryland, on behalf of other Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The subcommittee held one business meeting on May 3, 1995, reported to the full committee S. 440, a bill to designate the National Highway System, by a vote of 9 to 0, after agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and further amending the bill.
During the 104th Congress, the Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, under the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman Robert Smith and Ranking Minority Member Frank Lautenberg, had an active oversight and legislative agenda in areas under its jurisdiction such as Superfund and interstate transportation of solid waste.

The subcommittee held the following hearings:

On March 1, 1995, hearing to authorize State and local governments to regulate the interstate flow of solid waste, after hearing testimony from Senator Coats; Senator Cohen; New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Trenton, NJ; Representative Smith of New Jersey; Representative Pallone; Edward C. Farrell, Executive Director, New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials; Randy Johnson, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Commissioner; Johnathan H. Adler, Associate Director of Environmental Studies, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Tony Ciofalo, Vice President, Allied Waste Industries; Micah Green, Executive Vice President, Public Securities Association; Allen Hershkowitz, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council; and Michael Roush, National Federation of Independent Business.


On March 29, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning remedy selection and cleanup standards, hearing testimony from Martin Yee, owner, White Spur Dry Cleaners, El Paso, TX; Timothy C. Duffy, executive director, Rhode Island Association of School Committees, Warwick, RI; Richard Bunn, president, U.G.I. Corporation, Reading, PA; James A. Goodrich, executive director, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, Covina, CA; John F. Spisak, president, Industrial Compliance, Inc., Lakewood, CO; Barry Johnson, assistant administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Atlanta, GA; Ronald Cattany, deputy director, Idaho Department of Natural Resources, Denver, CO; Pat Murphy, Concerned Citizens of Triumph, Hailey, ID; and Rose Augustine, Tucson, AZ.

On April 5, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning risk assessment issues, hearing testimony from Curtis C. Travis, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN; Steven J. Milloy, president, Regulatory Impact Analysis Project, Washington, DC; Philip J. O’Brien, Director, Division of Waste Management, New
Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, NH; Milton Russell, Joint Institute for Energy and Environment, Knoxville, TN; Michael Parr, DuPont Company, Wilmington, DE; Linda Greer, senior scientist, National Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC; Elliot Laws, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Richard Brown, vice president, Groundwater Technology, Inc., Trenton, NJ; Robert Franz, environmental remediation program manager, General Electric Co., Fairfield, CT; Paul Miskimin, senior vice president, Jacobs Energy Group, Inc., Pasadena, CA; and Marcia Williams, president, Williams and Vanino, Los Angeles, CA.

On April 27, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning liability issues, hearing testimony from Robert Burt, FMC Corporation, Chicago, IL, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Richard D. Smith, president, Chubb Corp., Warren, NJ; Kelvin Herstad, president, United Truck Body, Inc., Duluth, MN, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Businesses; Barbara Price, vice president for health, environment, and safety, Phillips Petroleum, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; Mary P. Morningstar, corporation counsel, Lockheed-Martin Corp., Bedford, MA, on behalf of the Electronics Industry Association; Richard S. Leavitt, president, Chelsea Clock, Inc., Chelsea, MA; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Jan Paul Acton, assistant director, Congressional Budget Office; Boyd Condie, City Council Member, Alhambra, CA; Joe J. Palacioz, City Manager, Hutchinson, KS; R. Brian McLaughlin, deputy attorney general for the State of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Peter D. Prestley, Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, New York, NY, on behalf of the American Bar Association; and Ann Hill, assistant general counsel, First Interstate Bank of Oregon, Portland, OR, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

On May 4, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning the role of the States in administering the Superfund, hearing testimony from Robert Varney, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; James Colman, Assistant Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials; Russell Harding, Deputy Director for Environmental Protection, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Jonathan B. Howes, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Resources, on behalf of the National Academy of Public Administrators; David R. Tripp, Wichita, KS; Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund; Kent Jeffreys, National Center for Policy Analysis; and Velma Dunn, Phoenix, AZ.

On May 9, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning the administration of Federal Superfund sites, hearing testimony from Thomas Grumbly, Assistant Secretary for Environ-
On May 11, 1995, oversight hearing of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) concerning natural resource recovery, hearing testimony from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, General Accounting Office; Chris Tweeten, Montana's chief deputy attorney general, Helena, MT; Charlie DeSaillan, New Mexico's assistant attorney general for natural resources, Santa Fe, NM; Keith Meiser, senior counsel, CSC Transportation, Jacksonville, FL; Kevin L. McKnight, manager for environmental remediation projects, Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, PA; Douglas Hall, Assistant Secretary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Kenneth D. Jenkins, director, Molecular Ecology Institute, California State University at Longbeach; and Jerry Hausman, McDonald Professor in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

The subcommittee held one business meeting on March 15, 1995, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act, S. 534, a bill to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste; reported bill with amendments to the full committee.

On June 29, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the Clean Air Act of 1990 and regulatory oversight by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Inspection and Maintenance Program for vehicle emissions, receiving testimony from Becky Norton Dunlop, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, Richmond, VA; Tom Getz, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment; Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Lynn Scarlett, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Douglas Lawson, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; and Michael Walsh, Arlington, VA.

On July 19, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight over the wetlands provisions, to review provisions of S. 851 that would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to review the general provisions of section 404 of the Act and their administration by the Fed-
eral government, receiving testimony from Senators Frank Mur-kowski, J. Bennett Johnston, and Larry Pressler; Representative Wayne Gilchrest; Dallas Harris, Wrightsville Beach, NC; Flora Heckert, Virginia Beach, VA; Nan Robbins, Paris, TN; Charles Jowaiszas (for Barry Horner), Weartown, NJ; John Pai White, San Juan, PR; Jack McHugh, Ocean County, New Jersey; Joseph L. Carter, Myrtle Beach, SC; John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Department of the Army; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Charlie Hollis, Wrightsville Beach, NC; Bernie Goode, Burke, VA; Peggle Reigle, Cambridge, MD; William Spencer, Clinton, NC; Carl Loop, American Farm Bureau, Washington, DC; Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Associations, Sausalito, CA; Derb Carter, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, NC; and Don McKenzie, Wildlife Management Institute.

On August 1, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the Clean Air Act of 1990 and Title V provisions of the Act relating to industrial permitting requirements, receiving testimony from David Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council; Paul Eisele, Masco Corporation, Taylor, MI; Dan Bartosch, Texas Instruments, Dallas, TX; Richard Wimbish, Techform, Inc., Mount Airy, NC; Jeff Saitas, Office of Air Quality, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin, TX; Robert Hodanbosi, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus, OH; Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and Steven Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency.

On August 2, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight over the wetlands provisions, to review provisions of S. 851 that would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to examine the roles of State and local governments in implementation of section 404 provisions and to review scientific criteria for the functions and values of wetlands in the United States, receiving testimony from Becky Gay, Alaska Wetland Coalition, Anchorage, AK; Virginia Albrecht and Ted Brown, Foundation for Environmental and Economic Progress, Boca Raton, FL; Janet Llewellyn, Assistant Director, Division of Environmental Resource Planning, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL; Scott Haussman, Chief, Water Regulations Section, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, NJ; Kevin Martin, soil consultant, Raleigh, NC; Jonathan Tolman, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; William Lewis, Jr., professor, Center for Luminology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; Orie Loucks, professor, Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, OH; Walter T. McDonald, Vice Chair of the Environmental Committee, National Association of Realtors, Washington, DC; Bob Szabo, National Wetlands Coalition, Washington, DC; Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation, West Chester, PA; Mark Davis, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA; and Mark Tipton, president, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, DC.
On November 1, 1995, hearing to consider S. 851, the Wetlands Regulatory Reform Act of 1995, receiving testimony from Dr. John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Department of the Army; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Bernie Goode, Former Chief, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Corps of Engineers; John Echeverria, general counsel, National Audubon Society; James S. Burling, attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, CA; Robert D. Sokolove, president, U.S. Wetland Services, Inc., Bethesda, MD; Bill Lane, developer and private mitigation banker, Lane Corporation, Goldsboro, NC; Steve Moyer, director of governmental affairs, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, VA; and Ken Bierly, manager, Groundwater Enhancement Board, Oregon Department of Water Resources, Salem, OR.

On October 2, 1996, hearing to conduct oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and responses by other Federal agencies to the damage caused by Hurricane Fran, receiving testimony from James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency; H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Dallas R. Smith, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Mayor Don Betz, and Karen Carter Dixon, both of Wilmington, North Carolina; Mayor Koka Booth, and William Garman, both of Cary, North Carolina; and David C. Jones, Madison County Board of Supervisors, Madison, Virginia.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON DRINKING WATER, FISHERIES, AND WILDLIFE MEETINGS**

During the 104th Congress, the Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, under the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman Dirk Kempthorne and Ranking Minority Member Harry Reid, undertook a wide range of legislative and oversight activities. These included oversight of the Endangered Species Act, oversight of the recovery efforts for salmon and steelhead trout on the Columbia and Snake Rivers in the Pacific Northwest, Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and authorization and expansion of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The subcommittee held the following hearings:

On March 2, 1995, hearing to provide for improved consultation among the Federal agencies responsible for regulating the Endangered Species Act, hearing testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and Rolland A. Schmitten, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

On March 7, 1995, hearing to consider S. 191 and S. 503, to impose a moratorium on certain activities under the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Senator Hutchinson; Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt; David Wilcove, Environmental Defense Fund; William J. Snape III, Defenders of Wildlife; Robert E. Gor-
don, Jr., National Wilderness Institute, Alexandria, VA; Rick Perry, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, TX; James A. Kraft, Plum Creek Timber Company, Seattle, WA; and Kenneth W. Peterson, Kern County, California, Board of Supervisors.

On June 22, 1995, hearing to conduct oversight of the Endangered Species Act and the policies of the National Marine Fisheries Service for the protection of endangered and threatened species of salmon at hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River and Snake River, receiving testimony from Larry Fidler, Aspen Sciences Limited, Cranbuck, British Columbia, Canada; Wesley Ebel, biologist, Seattle, WA; Gerald Bouck, biologist, Portland, OR; Margaret Filardo, Fish Passage Center, Portland, OR; Philip Mundy, Fisheries and Aquatic Services, Lake Oswego, OR; James Jay Anderson, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; Will Stelle, Northwest Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; Michael Schiewe, Divisional Director for Coastal Zones, National Marine Fisheries Service; Col. Bartholomew Bohn, North Pacific Divisional Director, Army Corps of Engineers; Doug Arndt, Senior Fish Program Planner, Army Corps of Engineers; Ed Bowles, Anadromous Fish Manager, Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

On July 13, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Bruce Babbit, Secretary of the Interior; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Michael Clegg, acting dean, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Riverside, CA; Jane Lubchenko, professor, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; Stuart Pimm, professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN; Mark Plummer, Discovery Institute, Seattle, WA; Gregg Easterbrook, Arlington, VA; Robert Irvin, Center for Marine Conservation, Washington, DC; David Mazour, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation, Holdrege, NE; Judy DeHose, councilwoman, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, AZ; John Harja, Western Governors' Association, Salt Lake City, UT; Emily Swanson, Montana State representative, Bozeman, MT; Dick Knox, Montana State representative, Winifred, MT; and Dave Schmidt, National Association of Counties, Linn County, Oregon.

On July 20, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, with an emphasis on species recovery and provisions of the Act relating to international enforcement issues, receiving testimony from Mollie Beattie, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; Allan Egbert, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission; Mike Scott, National Biological Service, Moscow, ID; Robert Taylor, Director of Wildlife Ecology, California Forestry Association, Sacramento, CA; David Langhorst, Idaho Wildlife Federation, Ketchum, ID; John Lambeth, Fairy Shrimp Study Group, Sacramento, CA; Robert J. Weise, Assistant Director of Conservation and Science, American Zoo and Aquarium Association, Bethesda, MD; Jeff Cilek, Peregrine Fund, Boise, ID; Gerhardus J. Hanekom and Malan Lindeque, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia; Stephen Kasere, CAMPFIRE Association, Zimbabwe; Rams Rammulita, South African National Parks Board,

On August 3, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, with an emphasis on the role of economic incentives in species management and conservation, particularly on private lands, the effectiveness of critical habitat plans, and cost of conservation efforts, receiving testimony from Carl Loop, Vice President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, DC; R.J. Smith, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; Jim Sweeney, Champion International Corporation, Washington, DC; Michael Bean, Environmental Defense Fund; Washington, DC; Mike White, Hecla Mining Company, Coeur d’Alene, ID; Sherl L. Chapman, Idaho Water Users Association, Inc., Boise, ID; Steve Quarles, Endangered Species Coordinating Council and American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, DC; George E. Meyer, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI; Murray Lloyd, Black Bear Conservation Committee, Shreveport, LA; Brian Loew, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, Riverside, CA; Charles E. Gilliland, Associate Research Economist, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; Randy Scott, Planning Manager, San Bernadino, CA; Elliot Parks, Johnson & Johnson, San Diego, CA; and Lindell Marsh, Siemon, Larson & Marsh, Irvine, CA.

On June 11, 1996, hearing to conduct oversight on the recovery efforts for salmon and steelhead trout on the Columbia and Snake Rivers in the Pacific Northwest, receiving testimony from Major General Russell Fuhrman, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Mitch Sanchotena, Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited, Boise, ID; D.W. Chapman, Boise, ID; Richard N. Williams, Meridian, ID; William Stelle, Director for the Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; and Mike Field, member, Northwest Power Planning Council, Boise, ID.

On September 19, 1996, hearing to consider S. 1660, a bill to authorize funds for and expand the programs of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, focusing on efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species originating from ballast water discharge, receiving testimony from Senator Glenn; Rowan W. Gould, Deputy Assistant Director of the Interior for Fisheries; Commander Richard M. Gaudiosi, Chief, Plans and Preparedness Division, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Office of Response, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; James T. Carlton, Maritime Studies Program/Williams College and Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT; Ann P. Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Annapolis, MD; Stephen Hall, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento, CA; and Joseph J. Cox, United States Chamber of Shipping.

The subcommittee held the following field hearings:

On June 1, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, held in Douglas Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, OR, receiving testimony from Rod Johnson, an Oregon State Senator; Rudy Rosen, Oregon Department of Fish
and Wildlife, Salem, OR; Ann Hannes, Oregon State forester; Doug Robertson, Douglas County, Oregon, Commissioner; Jerry Rust, Lane County, Oregon, Commissioner; Mark Simmons, Northwest Timberworkers Resource Council, Elgin, OR; Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Associations, Eugene, OR; Jim Hallstrom, Zip-O-Log Mills, Inc., Eugene, OR; Liz Hamilton, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Oregon City, OR; Paul Ehinger, Ehinger and Associates, Eugene, OR; Ernie Niemi, ECO Northwest, Eugene, OR; Bob Doppelt, Pacific Rivers Council, Eugene, OR; Mike Wiedeman, Oregon Lands Coalition, Enterprise, OR; Mark Hubbard, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Eugene, OR; Allen Everson, Roseburg Forest Products, Roseburg, OR; Bill Arsenault, Small Woodlands Association, Elkhorn, OR; Penny Lind, Roseburg, OR; Curt Smitch, Assistant Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Olympia, WA, Regional Office; Nelson Wallulatum, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Bend, OR; Mack Birkmeier, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, Joseph, OR; Bob Allen, Umpqua Watershed, Roseburg, OR; Jim Ince, Umpqua Watershed, Roseburg, OR; and John Crawford, Klamath Basin Water Users, Klamath Falls, OR.

On June 3, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, held in the Ramada Inn, 621 21st Street, Lewiston, ID, receiving testimony from Laird Noh, Idaho State Senator; Chuck Cuddy, Idaho State Representative; Lenore Barrett, Idaho State Representative; Darrell Kerby, Bonners Ferry, ID, City Council Member; Ron Gillett, outfitter and motel owner, Stanley, ID; Ray Brady, Grangeville, ID; Jim Hawkins, Custer County Agent, Challis, ID; Phil Church, Pulp and Paper Resource Workers Council, Lewiston, ID; Sherry Colyer, Bruneau, ID; Dave Wilson, Idaho Homebuilders Association, Ketchum, ID; Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League; Sam Penney, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID; Palma Moye, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Challis, ID; Mitch Sancho, Idaho Salmon and Steelhead, Unlimited, Eagle, ID; Charles Ray, Idaho Rivers United, McCall, ID; Bill DeVeney, Idaho Farm Bureau, Riggins, ID; Mike Guerry, Idaho Woolgrowers, Buhl, ID; Bob Adams, Community Grizzly Bear Plan, Priest River, ID; Ted Hoffman, Idaho Cattlemen’s Association, Mountain Home, ID; and James Peek, professor, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID.

On August 16, 1995, hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, held in the Interstate Oil and Gas Commission Building, Casper, WY, receiving testimony from Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer, Cheyenne, WY; Representative Barbara Cubin from Wyoming; Dan Chu, Executive Director, Wyoming Wildlife Federation, Cheyenne, WY; Connie Wilbert, Chair, Northern Plains Regional Conservation Committee, Sierra Club, Laramie, WY; Leah Talbott, Albany County Commissioner, Laramie, WY; Larry J. Bourret, Executive Vice President, Wyoming Farm Bureau, Federation, Laramie, WY; John Talbott, Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne, WY; rank Philip, Wyoming State Representative, Shoshoni, WY; George Enneking, Idaho County Commissioner. Grangeville, ID; Michael K. Purcell, Director, Wyoming Water Development Office, Cheyenne, WY; Richard Tass, Johnson County Commissioner, Buffalo, WY; Steve Thomas, Wyoming Field Representative, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Cody, MT; Tom
Christiansen, President, Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Green River, WY; Jack Turnell, Pitchfork Ranch, Meeteetse, WY; John Winter, Two Ocean Outfitters, Moran, WY; Terry Schramm, Walton Ranch Company, Jackson, WY; Harold R. Fray, Jr., Casper, WY; Kirk Koepsel, Northern Plains Office, Sierra Club, Sheridan, WY; Tom Throop, Wyoming Outdoor Council, Lander, WY; Michael Tokonczyk, Hulett, WY; Howard Ewart, Casper, WY; Nicky Groenewold, Newcastle, WY; Dru Bower, National Coalition for Public Land and Natural Resources, Cheyenne, WY; and Herman Strand, Casper, WY.

The subcommittee held a business meeting on March 14, 1995, to consider S. 503, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act to impose a moratorium on the listing of species as endangered or threatened and the designation of critical habitat; reported to the full committee with amendments.

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