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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Aware that you are deeply interested in the elimination of air pollution, may I respectfully request your cooperation in my effort to obtain Congressional approval of H. J. Res. 218, introduced by me, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

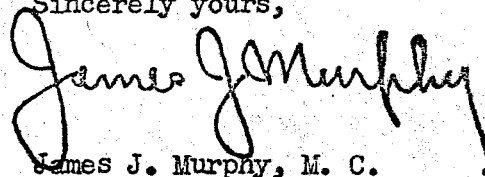
This resolution supersedes H. J. Res. 38 and was introduced to implement an agreement between the United States Public Health Service and the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, for cooperative activity in the field of industrial hygiene.

H. J. Res. 416, which was introduced by me in the 81st Congress, provided only for research under the direction of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. H. J. Res. 38 was identical to H. J. Res. 416, upon which no action was taken by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce last year. Therefore, H. J. Res. 218, enclosed, provides for the merger of the efforts of these two important Departments of the Government seeking the elimination of air pollution.

I know that you possess abundant information on this subject that will be helpful in attacking the problem through legislation. It is important that a hearing be held on this measure so that its complete necessity will be set forth before the Committee. It would be very helpful if you could see fit to write to the Honorable Robert Crosser, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, requesting such a hearing.

Thanking you for your past cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,


James J. Murphy, M. C.

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H. J. RES. 218

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 1951

Mr. MURPHY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for intensified research into the causes, hazards, and effects of air pollution, into methods for its prevention and control and for recovery of critical materials from atmospheric contaminants, and for other purposes.

Whereas certain industrial processes, the use of certain fuels, and other activities have caused serious air pollution in many areas of the United States; and

Whereas air pollution has caused many deaths and illnesses among the people of the United States and extensive damage to public, industrial, and residential structures, to clothing and personal property, agriculture, forests, livestock, and to other real property; and

Whereas the methods and equipment used in many of the processes that are contaminating the atmosphere are dissipating vast quantities of materials of strategic value that are in

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critically short supply, such as sulfur, fuels, and various chemical and mineral products; and

Whereas existing knowledge of the causes and effects of air pollution and the methods of its prevention or control is insufficient and intensification of present programs of research and investigation is needed to determine and evaluate the effects of air pollution, to develop methods for eliminating its dangers, and to conserve or recover strategic fuels and mineral products which are wasted by dissemination into the atmosphere; and

Whereas local communities are seeking technical guidance and information to aid them in meeting their responsibilities in combating air pollution; and

Whereas the problem is so widespread and is costing business and industry many millions of dollars annually its solution is so pressing as to be a matter of national concern: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 (a) That for the purpose of protecting public health, prop-
- 4 erty, and the recovery of fuels and minerals vital to the
- 5 national defense efforts, the Surgeon General of the Public
- 6 Health Service and the Secretary of the Interior are author-
- 7 ized and directed to intensify their respective activities within
- 8 the scope of their existing statutory authority with respect
- 9 to the conduct of research, investigations, experiments,
- 10 demonstrations, and the publication and dissemination of

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1 information through appropriate media, relating to the causes
2 and effects and means of prevention and control of air pollu-
3 tion. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
4 the Public Health Service and to the Department of the
5 Interior such sums for each fiscal year for the next five
6 years, following enactment of this resolution, as may be
7 necessary to intensify such activities.

8 (b) The Secretary of the Interior and the Surgeon Gen-
9 eral shall coordinate their activities under this Act and coop-
10 erate with other Federal agencies and with State and local
11 agencies and other public and private bodies concerned with
12 problems of air pollution, rendering every effort insofar as
13 practicable to aid such State and local agencies in discharging
14 their responsibilities in combating air pollution.

15 (c) Not later than January 1 of each calendar year
16 after funds are made available pursuant to the authority
17 conferred by subsection (a), the Surgeon General of the
18 Public Health Service, reporting through the Federal
19 Security Administrator, and the Secretary of the Interior,
20 respectively, shall make to the Congress a report of their
21 activities, including recommendations as to steps which
22 should be taken by Federal, State, and local agencies,
23 private industries, and the general public, to assure safety
24 from air pollution and the most effective utilization of strategic
25 resources.

- 1 (d) The Secretary of the Interior and the Surgeon
- 2 General of the Public Health Service are hereby authorized
- 3 to enter into such contracts for the performance of research
- 4 and services as they shall deem necessary to the efficient
- 5 discharge of their responsibilities under this joint resolution.

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