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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
WINDSOR ROOM, CONGRESSIONAL COUNTRY CLUB
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PRESENT

Everett H. Bellows, Chairman	Olin Corporation
Robert D. Buehler	The B. F. Goodrich Company
James T. Conner	Chemagro Division of Mobay Chemical Corp.
Francis E. Cook	Stauffer Chemical Company
Francis D. Flanagan	W. R. Grace & Company
Charles O. Gerfen	Mallinckrodt Incorporated
Don A. Goodall	American Cyanamid Company
Sam Gusman	Rohm and Haas Company
Carroll W. Hayes	Celanese Corporation
Carlos W. Luis	3M Company
Charles T. Marck	Dow Chemical U. S. A.
Richard W. Murphy	Merck & Co., Inc.
Sam Pickard	Monsanto Company
Douglas D. Pirnie	Exxon Chemical Company U. S. A.
Carstens Slack	Phillips Petroleum Company
Charles D. Snead	Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
Walter D. Thomas	FMC Corporation
A. C. Welling	BASF Wyandotte Corporation
Jack Woolley	PPG Industries, Inc.
Albert A. Fox, Jr.	Manufacturing Chemists Association
Hugh M. Robinson	Manufacturing Chemists Association
David C. Williams	Manufacturing Chemists Association
William M. Stover, Secretary	Manufacturing Chemists Association
David M. Jenkins (for Rudy)	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Jess Johnson, Jr. (for Smith)	Shell Chemical Company

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ABSENT

Robert L. Shafer, Vice Chairman	Pfizer Inc.
Jerome J. Breiter	Hercules Incorporated
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Jeremiah J. Kenney, Jr.	Union Carbide Corporation
James McCrory	Borden, Inc.
Mike Manatos	The Procter & Gamble Mfg. Company
Robert H. Miller	Tenneco Inc.
Lawrence J. O'Connor, Jr.	The Standard Oil Company (Ohio)
James A. Rush	Nalco Chemical Company
Lester G. Shapiro	Engelhard Industries
William H. Thomas	Universal Oil Products Company

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Bellows.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last regular meeting, June 17, 1974, were approved.

2. Committee Business

A. The Day's Activities -- Mr. Stover described a schedule of events for the day including Government Relations Committee meeting, luncheon, golfing and refreshments with distribution of prizes.

B. GRC Assignments -- Chairman Bellows briefly noted that current assignments are now in effect for GRC strategy subcommittees, Liaison Representatives, and the GRC Executive Committee.

C. MCA Staff Vacancy -- Mr. Stover noted that there is a vacancy in the Government Relations Department of MCA and that resumes are being collected to fill the position of Legislative Editor, replacing Ms. Jody Hamberger.

D. Mr. Snead to Retire -- Chairman Bellows noted that Mr. C. D. Snead of Eastman will retire on October 1. He commended Mr. Snead for his active service on behalf of the chemical industry

and expressed the Committee's appreciation for his tireless and unfailing cooperation. Mr. Snead was recognized for a brief response.

E. GRC Christmas Buffet -- The Committee decided to again conduct its annual Christmas Buffet. After some discussion it was agreed without dissent that the site will be The George Town Club and that the date will be Friday, December 13. The format will be substantially similar to the past.

3. New Business

A. Report to the MCA Board by the Chairman of the Government Relations Committee -- Chairman Bellows announced that at the next meeting of the MCA Board of Directors, October 8, he will deliver a report on the activities of the Government Relations Committee. It was suggested that any input or comments thought to be appropriate for inclusion should be forwarded to Mr. Bellows as soon as possible.

B. Chemical Forum Schedule -- It was announced that the Chemical Forum for October 8 will feature a panel discussion between Senator Bartlett, Representative Udall and newsman Joseph McCaffrey. The MCA Board of Directors will be in attendance on that date. It was further noted that a speaker has been arranged for the November 11 Chemical Forum: Mr. Richard M. Scammon, an expert in voting trends and patterns. This is thought to be particularly appropriate since the luncheon falls six days after the November elections.

4. Reports of Strategy Subcommittees

A. Air Quality -- It was noted that oversight hearings are under way in the Senate and that more substantive investigation of the Air Quality Act can be expected in the early part of 1975.

B. Energy (Walt Thomas) -- Mr. Thomas called attention to an energy legislative resume published in booklet form by the Senate Interior Committee pursuant to S.Res. 45. The publication describes energy-related legislation acted on and under consideration by the Senate.

Several pending energy measures were discussed, including:

- A deep water ports bill, which could be debated on the floor of the Senate in the near future. A clean bill is expected but no bill number is available as yet following joint consideration by three Senate committees.

- A possibility that oil and gas tax amendments could be offered on the floor during debate of the trade bill. There is no date set for the beginning of floor debate.

- The energy R&D bill, passed by the House in late 1973 and by the Senate on September 11 is now going to conference.

- The energy information system bill, S. 2782, is still in the Senate Commerce Committee, but mark-up could resume at any time.

- The subject of oil and gas taxation is still expected to be included in the final version of the Tax Reform bill when that measure is reported from the House Ways and Means Committee.

C. OSHA (Mr. Snead) -- The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee has rejected an amendment to exempt small business firms from coverage of the act. Other bills calling for on-site consultations (Dominick, Chiles, Eash) appear to have little chance of enactment this session. House hearings are continuing.

Vinyl chloride standards are expected to be announced in the near future, however, there is a feeling that the Department of Labor is attempting to be pragmatic and reasonable. Some type of deadline is likely to be established for the achievement of prescribed levels.

D. Solid Waste (Mr. Buehler) -- The Senate staff continues to work on a draft bill with "source reduction" a key point of controversy. Mr. Woolley reported on contacts initiated in connection with the operation of PPG glass manufacturing installations in West Virginia. He emphasized that specific case histories were effective in making arguments on the Hill.

E. Taxation -- Mr. Robinson, reporting for Chairman Shafer, indicated that Ways and Means is moving quickly through its review of earlier tentative decisions. The final vote of formal approval is expected to take place on October 1. Foreign taxation provisions have been improved somewhat and DISC remains in jeopardy

F. Toxic Substances -- It was reported that the status of the conference remains the same although some inconclusive conversations have been held at staff level.

G. Trade (Mr. Hayes) -- The Jackson amendment continues to be a major cause of delay but there are signs that accommodation might be reached. Mr. Hayes also reported on a recent meeting with a key member of the Senate Finance Committee staff during which there was discussion of Presidential authority to eliminate tariffs of 10% or less. The question of reciprocity within sectors remains a difficult one and industry is meeting tough opposition from the agricultural community as to language of the Finance Committee bill.

H. Water Resources -- Prospects are dim for Committee consideration of amendments to the Water Quality Act during the remainder of 1974. For that reason it is unlikely that constructive amendments in Sections 307 or 311 can be achieved. Mr. Goodall reported on a recent visit to Congressman Roe. General Welling reported that Senator Muskie's committee assignments will be re-evaluated during the next Congress and that his role in environmental legislation may change accordingly.

5. Reports by Liaison Representatives

No reports were offered at this time.

Mr. Woolley commented on the need to improve the operation of the Liaison Representative system, and particularly, to bring about closer coordination between technical committees, the Government Relations Committee and the MCA staff. It was emphasized that the Government Relations Committee and its expertise should be utilized as a constant resource by MCA technical committees.

6. Other Legislative and Regulatory Activities

Mr. Goodall reported on the final Senate floor action on the consumer protection agency legislation. He pointed out that this issue can be expected to surface again in the next Congress and that appropriate recognition should be given to those who have worked diligently in industry's behalf.

(Due to the lateness of the hour the consideration of further items was deferred until the Committee's next meeting, October 8.)

The Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Stover, Secretary
Government Relations Committee

Subject to approval

cc: Lloyd Symington, Esq.