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MINUTES
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
THE MADISON HOTEL
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RESENT

Everett H. Bellows, Chairman	Olin Corporation
Robert L. Shafer, Vice Chairman	Pfizer Inc.
Jerome J. Breiter	Hercules Incorporated
James T. Conner	Chemagro Div. of Mobay Chemical
Brian D. Forrow	Allied Chemical Corporation
Sam Gusman	Rohm and Haas Company
Carroll W. Hayes	Celanese Corporation
Richard M. Hunt	N L Industries, Inc.
Robert F. Kelly	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Jeremiah J. Kenney, Jr.	Union Carbide Corporation
Carlos W. Luis	3M Company
James T. McCrory	Borden, Inc.
Charles T. Marck	Dow Chemical U. S. A.
Sam Pickard	Monsanto Company
Douglas D. Pirnie	Exxon Chemical Company U. S. A.
Lester G. Shapiro	Engelhard Industries
Walter D. Thomas	FMC Corporation
A. C. Welling	BASF Wyandotte Corporation
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
Robert E. Bradford (for Firestone)	The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

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GUESTS

J. Wilson Malloy	Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
Harris C. Miller	Hooker Chemical Corporation
James K. Shiver	Hughes, Sears & Shiver
Harlan L. P. Wendell (Liaison Representative from MCA Public Relations Committee)	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

ABSENT

Robert D. Buehler	The B. F. Goodrich Company
Francis E. Cook	Stauffer Chemical Company
Francis D. Flanagan	W. R. Grace & Company
Charles O. Gerfen	Mallinckrodt Incorporated
Don A. Goodall	American Cyanamid Company
Mike Manatos	The Procter & Gamble Mfg. Co.
Robert H. Miller	Tenneco Inc.
Richard W. Murphy	Merck & Co., Inc.
Lawrence J. O'Connor, Jr.	The Standard Oil Company (Ohio)
John F. Rudy	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
James A. Rush	Nalco Chemical Company
Carstens Slack	Phillips Petroleum Company
Arthur J. Smith	Shell Chemical Company
William H. Thomas	Universal Oil Products Company
Jack Woolley	PPG Industries, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Bellows. (The start of the formal meeting was deferred briefly so that those present could hear and comment on a presentation by Aimison Jonnard, Chief, Chemi cals Division, U. S. Tariff Commission, on problems associated with produ shortages in the chemical industry.)

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last regular meeting, October 8, 1974, were approv

New Business

(Chairman Bellows recognized a visitor to the Committee meeting, Harris C. Miller, Manager-Government Relations, Hooker Chemical Corporation.)

A. Messrs. Stover and Williams reported on progress in the development of a voluntary energy conservation reporting system through which MCA member companies might report to the Federal Energy Administration on energy savings. An October 10 meeting was held with Secretary of Commerce Dent and FEA Administrator Sawhill. The meeting resulted in 28 MCA member companies being invited to take part in this voluntary program. Those present at the meeting reached general agreement on the broad outlines of a reporting system aimed at a 15% reduction in energy usage by 1980 as compared with the base year 1972. MCA is to oversee the organization of the reporting system, receive periodic reports from participating companies, aggregate data and report consolidated results to FEA on an agreed timetable. A task force of energy experts from participating companies has been designated and is at work drawing up the specifics of the reporting system.

B. GRC Executive Committee -- MCA President Driver is inviting the Executive Committee of the Government Relations Committee to

5. Legislative and Regulatory Developments

A. Transportation Safety Act -- Action is expected in this session of Congress on a bill regulating the transportation of hazardous materials. Implications of the language are extremely important to the chemical industry and members were urged to be ready to contact conferees. An MCA paper commenting on the bills in conference is expected to be ready today and will be mailed to GRC members. It was pointed out that several other industries and trade groups are concerned over the hastily-drafted language which was added in the Senate.

B. Line-of-Business -- Some 12 major corporations, several MCA members included, continue to challenge the FTC line-of-business reporting requirements. The companies contend that confidential data on individual firms could be determined by an analysis of the aggregated data gathered and published by FTC in its line-of-business program. This conclusion was reached by an expert in statistical pattern analysis and his report has been submitted to the FTC by lawyers representing the 12 corporations. The FTC was also asked to accept additional information to be submitted by November 15.

C. Impact of Regulatory Agencies -- The Senate Commerce Committee will hold hearings November 19-21 on a bill which would create a commission to study the social and economic impact of regulations promulgated by independent regulatory agencies of the U. S. Government.

The Senate Government Operations Committee will hold late November hearings on an Administration proposal to establish a commission to review all government regulations in an effort to eliminate those with inflationary or price-raising effects.

Having completed consideration of agenda items, the Committee adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Stover, Secretary
Government Relations Committee

Subject to approval

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