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Information sources indicate a sparse number of speakers and a lot of listeners at the Monday Hearings.

National Gypsum, Bondex, U.S. Gypsum, and Union Carbide will address Part B on Patching Compounds. Information is not available at this time on what the first three will say, but Union Carbide has finalized their comments, and intend to decapitate the Risk Assessment. Rustic Crafts Co. will speak on Emberizing Materials.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Council, and Barry Castleman will speak on both the proposed bans. The first two will basically reiterate their past representations, and Castleman will concentrate on an alarmist misrepresentation of epidemiological data.

The AIA and Johns-Manville have decided not to speak but will be present as observers. It is curious what U.S. and National intend to say as they had previously replaced their asbestos with diatomaceous clay in patching compounds.

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