

STAFF REPORT
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EXHIBIT C

DURING THE 92nd CONGRESS, more than 21,000 bills were introduced -- 4,133 in the Senate; 17,230 in the House. A large portion were aimed at the regulation of business or would have affected the costs of doing business. Unfortunately, more of the same is anticipated during the 93rd Congress. Important left-overs include the Toxic Substances and Burke-Hartke bills and there will be many new proposals requiring close attention.

Despite the President's landslide victory, Democrats remain the majority party, controlling both Congressional houses and state capitols. Election results did not materially change the balance between conservatives and liberals. So, while the President will probably continue to command effective support in the House, the Senate is expected to act independently on many issues and demonstrate initiatives of its own.

Difficult to assess is the effect retirements and defeats will have on various committees. For instance:

Departure of senior Republicans from the House Ways and Means Committee is apt to strengthen Rep. Wilbur Mills' (D.Ark.) grasp as chairman.

In the battle over tax reform, the voices of former Rep. John Byrnes (R.-Wis.) and Jackson Betts (R.-Ohio) will be missed. Gone from the Senate Finance Committee will be such solid performers as Jack Miller (R.-Iowa), Clinton Anderson (D.-N.M.) and Len Jordan (R.-Idaho).

With respect to toxic substances legislation, the defeat of Sen. William B. Spong (D.-Va.) is not expected to have significant effect since election results produced no other changes on the Senate Commerce Committee.

ON OCTOBER 3, we submitted a statement for inclusion in the hearings record of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs dealing with S. 76 -- The Food Additive Safety Act of 1972, and S. 3163 -- The Food Protection Act of 1972.

With regard to additives already in use, we saw no justification for retesting, under U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) sponsorship, all substances which have been approved as food additives since 1958 on the basis of testing sponsored by manufacturers.

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THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL (NIPCC) is undertaking to estimate the cost of compliance with environmental control legislation, including the 1972-amended Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The purpose is to assemble industry-source estimates for comparison with those generated by the Government.

At the request of NIPCC's Chemicals Sub-Council, we plan to project--from the 1972 MCA survey--data for investment in environmental management facilities and their operating cost, using conversion factors based on an average of estimates provided individually by the five companies represented on the Sub-Council.

NIPCC would like indications of the industrial impact of these controls and any benefits to be derived therefrom, but understands the difficulty of identifying or quantifying such information in the aggregate, especially for any isolated segment of industry.

AN MCA-SPONSORED "Training Seminar on Air Pollution Control for Chemical Processes" is being held in Philadelphia November 13-17. The first in a planned series conducted by Frank L. Cross, Director, Environmental Training, Roy F. Weston, Inc., it is hoped this project--so uniquely adapted to the specific needs of the chemical industry--will prove beneficial to member companies.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC) policies which adversely affect U. S. exports of nuclear materials and services was the topic of discussion on October 27 between members of our Nuclear Committee and AEC. The latter group, headed by J. J. Flaherty, Assistant General Manager for Energy and Development, promised careful consideration of four specific policy changes we recommended.

PROPOSED U. S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS governing the issuance of licenses for the operation of uninspected towing vessels have been endorsed by the Association. Purpose is to implement the recently enacted Towing Vessel Licensing Act.

In the interest of water transportation safety, we have long supported legislation requiring uninspected towing vessels, while underway, to be under the control of a Coast Guard licensee.

PROPERTY PROTECTION, rather than employee safety, appears to have motivated portions of certain mandatory standards promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Example: A requirement for drainage facilities or dikes for the area surrounding above-ground, flammable-liquid storage tanks.

OSHA has now agreed that such standards are not intended to apply unless it can be shown in a particular case that there is a substantial relationship between the provision of such drainage facilities and the safety and health of employees.

Accepting this decision as a precedent, our Safety and Fire Protection Committee is studying current OSHA standards and will draw attention to any additional sections believed unrelated to employee safety and health.

CONCERN by some member companies over labeling regulations of the Michigan Department of Labor now appears to be alleviated.

In a September 20th memorandum to "All Concerned Employers," that Department's Bureau of Safety and Regulation stated it is now the intent of the State's Occupational Safety Standards Commission to place upon the employer the responsibility of determining the makeup of a label for a specific hazardous substance.

Guidelines set forth in the memorandum are similar to those in MCA's Manual L-1, "Guide to the Precautionary Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals (Seventh Edition-1970)". Further information may be obtained from M. M. Hoover, Assistant Technical Director, Labels and Precautionary Information, MCA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) Emergency Ordnance Disposal Groups receive refresher training annually. Since chemical emergencies are frequently encountered, a short review of CHEMTREC has been incorporated into the course. John C. Zercher, CHEMTREC's Manager, has provided details through discussions at DOD instructor's meetings.

Mr. Zercher also spoke at two sessions of the National Safety Council, on October 31 and on November 1, during their Annual Meeting in Chicago. This was followed on November 2 by a CHEMTREC seminar cosponsored by MCA and the Chemical Industries Council of the Midwest at which Mr. Zercher was the principal participant. Others included: Charles Hutchenreuther, The Dow Chemical Company; Jack Landstrom, D & L Transport, Inc.; M. M. Anderson, Union Carbide Corporation and Dwight Long, Velsicol Chemical Corporation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (NSTA) members are enthusiastically responding to our education exhibit and materials which, for the first time, are being placed on display at NSTA Area Conferences.

The first occasion was in St. Louis, October 5-7, where Dr. Robert E. Varnerin, MCA's Manager of Education, was assisted by CIC/Greater St. Louis members. River Parishes Chemical Industry Council members volunteered assistance during the New Orleans Conference, November 9-11 and similar help is being sought through the Southern California Chemical Manufacturer's Association for the upcoming NSTA Conference in San Diego, November 30 - December 2.

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"CHEMISTRY LIBERATES THE WOMAN," our Consumer Information exhibit, was well-received at the Annual Meeting of Extension Home Economists, October 9-12, in Denver and at the Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. in Dallas, October 22-25. Some 1200 attended the former; the latter by more than 11,000. Miss Marion Merrill, of Union Carbide Corporation's Consumer Information Office, assisted Mrs. Peggy Walton, MCA's Manager of Consumer Information, in supervising the exhibit.

THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE of the National Safety Council, Meeting in Chicago, October 29 - November 3, re-elected Mrs. Walton to its Executive Committee. The Conference represents 59 women's organizations and has a considerable number of members-at-large representing various government agencies and trade associations.

Also during the meeting, three members-at-large were recommended to President Nixon for appointment to the new National Product Safety Commission: Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Charlotte Montgomery of Good Housekeeping Magazine and Mrs. Sue Boe Kaplan of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

"CATALYST '72--IS SCIENCE NECESSARY?" registrations are still welcome. This first-of-its kind event by our Public Relations/Education Departments, scheduled to be held at the New York Hilton on November 20, the day before the Semiannual Meeting, features an outstanding roster of participants discussing topics of current social/industrial/environmental interest.

Participation by member company personnel is being strongly recommended by members of the Public Relations and Education Activities Committees as well as by the Consumer Information Subcommittee. A \$20 registration fee covers all sessions and luncheon, at which Dallas Townsend, Columbia Broadcasting System news correspondent, will speak.