

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, the Georgia House of Representatives recently passed a resolution urging the U.S. Environmental Protection [EPA] to maintain the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards [NAAQS] pending further review of the costs and benefits of the proposed changes. The resolution also urges the EPA to identify unfunded mandates and other regulatory burdens that the proposed changes would impose on States and local communities.

I submit Georgia House Resolution 379 for careful consideration by the U.S. Congress.

H.R. 379

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a responsibility to review periodically the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and particulate matter (PM); and

Whereas, the EPA is considering establishing a more stringent ozone standard and a new more stringent standard for particulate matter at or below 2.5 microns (PM 2.5); and

Whereas, Georgia, its local jurisdictions, businesses, and citizens have supported health based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are premised on sound science; and

Whereas, Georgia has made progress toward meeting current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone under the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, although the Atlanta area has not yet come into compliance with the current standard; and

Whereas, all of Georgia meets the current standards for particulate matter; and

Whereas, Georgia, its local jurisdictions, businesses, consumers, and taxpayers have borne considerable cost to come into compliance with the current NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter; and

Whereas, the proposed new standards may significantly expand the number of non-attainment areas for both ozone and particulate matter, which could result in additional emission controls in some areas and could impose significant economic, administrative, and regulatory burdens on Georgia, its citizens, businesses, and local governments; and

Whereas, the EPA's own Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) was unable to find any "bright line" that would distinguish any public health benefit among any of the proposed new standards for ozone, including the current standard; and

Whereas, there is very little existing PM 2.4 monitoring data; and

Whereas, there are many unanswered questions and scientific uncertainties regarding the health effects of particulate matter, and in particular PM 2.5: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of Georgia That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to reaffirm the existing NAAQS for ozone, be it further

Resolved That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to reaffirm the existing NAAQS for PM 10, be it further

Resolved That, if EPA proposes to adopt more stringent standards for ozone or PM, that such decision be based on consideration of sound science and economics, be it further

Resolved That the House of Representatives calls on the EPA to conduct a cost benefit analysis as required by law on these and other regulations, be it further

Resolved That the House of Representatives advises and strongly urges the EPA to identify any unfunded mandates or other administrative and economic burdens for state or local governments or agencies that would result from the proposed changes to the NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter, be it further

Resolved That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Georgia congressional delegation, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other appropriate administration officials.

CONCERNING THE CRISIS IN CAMBODIA

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 1997

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 195. I too am concerned about the overthrow of the elected government in Cambodia.

After years of oppression and violence inflicted by the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia was finally on the path to democracy.

In 1991 the peace process began with the Paris peace plan that led to democratic elections in 1993, in which 93 percent of eligible voters turned out. Cambodia's progress continued over the last few years as evidenced by the invitation to join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations [ASEAN].

To assist Cambodia in its transition toward democracy and assist its developing economy the United States provided financial aid, granted Cambodia most-favored-nation status and extended the generalized system preferences.

However, beginning on July 5, Cambodia's progress came to a screeching halt, when armed conflict broke out and Co-Prime Minister Ranariddh fled. Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen emerged victorious and it is reported that senior Ranariddh officials were detained and killed. It is in our national interest to ensure that democracy flourishes in Southeast Asia and antidemocratic forces are removed from power.

If the events of the last few weeks are any indication of the direction that Hun Sen will take Cambodia then I fear that the people of Cambodia will be no better off than they were under the Khmer Rouge.

It is my sincere hope that a peaceful resolution will soon be reached and Cambodia will

once again travel down the path to democracy.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA "PAT" SECREST

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Missouri State Representative Patricia "Pat" Secrest. Representative Secrest has been named Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council [ALEC], the largest, bipartisan association of State legislators in the country.

A distinguished public servant, Representative Secrest was chosen to receive this honor because of her outstanding work on ALEC's commerce and economic development task force. Under her leadership, the task force has doubled its effectiveness, growing the number of model bills drafted from 52 in 1996 to 110 in 1997.

Her selection to receive this award is yet another milestone in an exceptional public service career. Her list of achievements is as diverse as it is extensive. Beginning in 1991 with the Outstanding Freshman Legislator for Small Business Leadership, to the 1992 Spirit of Enterprise Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce; to the 1993 Missouri Guardian of Small Business, from the National Federation of Independent Businesses; to being named 1994 Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators' Association; to her class of 1995 Leadership Missouri Award; to the 1996 Legislative Award, from the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents; to her 1996 Voice of Missouri Business Award by the Associated Industries of Missouri; and to the Golden Sparkplug Award by the St. Louis Area Young Republicans, Representative Secrest has shown she is a dedicated leader.

Her commitment to her community is exceptional. As cofounder of Secrest Engineered Products, Inc., she is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, and a former member of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, Leadership St. Louis, Greater Missouri Leadership, and a past president of Confluence St. Louis, the regional citizens' league. As an educational leader, she is past recipient of the Parkway School District's excellence in teaching award, a former member of the Parkway Citizens Advisory Council, and a former teacher in the Joplin, Columbia, and Parkway School Districts. As a public servant, she is serving her fourth term representing the citizens of District 93 in St. Louis County, and was named in 1997 to serve as the Chair of the House Republican Campaign Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it my honor to know and represent such an outstanding public servant. I

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