

HAZE REGULATIONS IN EASTERN  
COLORADO**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 17, 1998*

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as you know, state and local officials often bear the brunt of decisions made here in Washington. They contend with the real-life consequences of unrealistic attempts to force national, one-size-fits-all standards on problems that vary from state to state.

A case in point is the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules concerning haze regulations. These proposed rules fail to take sufficient account of the unique conditions and challenges faced by local officials. What may be applicable to northern Arkansas, is not necessarily the right solution for eastern Colorado. By failing to recognize these unique situations, the EPA's regulations become one more obstacle for local officials, and do little to mitigate the problem they intended to solve.

I rise today to inform the House of a Joint Resolution recently adopted by the Colorado Legislature, and I believe this House would be well served to heed their advice. I submit for the RECORD the text of this Resolution:

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98-003

CONCERNING A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADOPT A LEGISLATIVE RULE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Whereas, On July 31, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning regional haze regulations (the Notice); and

Whereas, In the Notice, the EPA cites as legislative authority for the proposed regulations a federal statute directing the EPA to ensure "reasonable progress" toward the attainment of improved visibility in class I areas; and

Whereas, Under this rubric of "reasonable progress", the EPA seeks to impose a rigid scheme of steadily increasing requirements nationwide, without exception and without consideration for the very real differences among the various states and regions affected; and

Whereas, The EPA has estimated that implementation of this program will cost approximately 2.9 billion dollars, of which 2.07 billion dollars will come from states in the West that already have the cleanest air in the nation; and

Whereas, Of such visible pollution as there may be that affects class I areas in the Western states, a significant portion comes from beyond their borders or originates on lands controlled by federal agencies; and

Whereas, For these reasons, the proposed regulations are grossly unfair and irrational; and

Whereas, We believe that by promulgating these regulations the EPA has far exceeded its congressional mandate to ensure "reasonable progress" in this area; and

Whereas, This is only one example of the increasingly common situation in which the EPA oversteps its delegated authority by promulgating regulations that are economically burdensome, scientifically dubious, counterproductive, and contrary to reasonable interpretations of Congressional intent; and

Whereas, Such abuses could be prevented or reduced if there were an institutional process by which Congress would have the final say about whether its directives were being faithfully carried out; and

Whereas, Colorado has had such a process in place for many years, to the great benefit of the state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Under this process, all rules newly adopted or amended by administrative agencies automatically expire within one year unless reviewed, for the limited purpose of determining whether they are within the scope of the agencies legislatively granted authority, and affirmatively extended in an omnibus bill passed by the legislature each year for that purpose; and

Whereas, We believe that the application of such a process to EPA regulations at the national level would keep the agency accountable to Congress, improve the image of the EPA and Congress in the eyes of the American public, avoid overreaching regulations such as the pending Regional Haze Regulations, and benefit both the national economy and the natural environment; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, The House of Representatives concurring herein:* That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby request the Congress of the United States to adopt statutes analogous to sections 24-4-103(8)(d) and 25-7-133, Colorado Revised Statutes, providing for automatic legislative review of all regulations newly adopted or amended by the EPA for the purpose of determining whether they are within the scope of the EPA's legislatively delegated authority and whether they accomplish their policy objectives in a cost-effective manner and further providing for the automatic expiration, within a time certain, of all such regulations not affirmatively extended by act of Congress.

*Be it further resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation and the administrator of the EPA.

COMMENDING THE MOUNT LEBANON  
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL  
TEAM AND MOUNT LEBANON, PA**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 17, 1998*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Mount Lebanon High School Blue Devils who won the 1998 Pennsylvania AAA Varsity Baseball Championship. Last Thursday, June 11, they defeated Coatesville High School by the score of 9-6 at Riverside Stadium in Harrisburg. Mount Lebanon, which is located in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, came back from a four-run deficit after four innings to win the first baseball championship in school history.

The Blue Devils, who were 21-4 overall with a conference record of 13-1, defeated a tough Coatesville team who posted a season record of 22-4 to clinch the PIAA state title. This victory exemplifies the quality high school athletic programs in Pennsylvania's 18th District.

Blue Devils' coach Ed McCloskey, elementary school health and physical education teacher, recently retired. The gold medals presented to his team were a timely retirement present.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the players, the coaching staff, the supportive student body and families, and also the Mount Lebanon Community. I take pride in the accomplishments of the team and appreciate the opportunity to brag amongst my colleagues on

Capitol Hill. Keep up the good work and I hope to hear of many future successes.

TRIBUTE TO NAVY SECRETARY  
JOHN DALTON**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 17, 1998*

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last week, we learned about the upcoming resignation of Navy Secretary John Dalton.

I have known Secretary Dalton for many years, and consider him to be both a friend and among the finest Navy Secretaries our Nation has ever had. He understood Houston's long Naval and Maritime history.

Secretary Dalton has served his country with distinction and with honor. Although he was born and raised in Louisiana, we consider him a true Texan. He moved to Texas during the 1970's, and since then, has served as a Chairman and President in various associations in his business career.

He was nominated by President Clinton in 1993 and confirmed that same year to become the Secretary of the Navy. Under his guidance, the Navy has expanded opportunities for both women and minorities. Through his leadership, Secretary Dalton exemplified the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Secretary Dalton has had a long career of achievements as well as accomplishments. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy where he served as a Deputy Brigade Commander, a finalist in the Rhode Scholar competition as well as Lieutenant Commander during his years in the U.S. Naval Service.

In 1997, he was given the recognition of the prestigious International Security Leadership Award. This was in recognition of his leadership and promotion of American seapower and bipartisan maritime strategy.

Secretary Dalton has served with energy, conviction, and dedication at a challenging time for the Navy. In the midst of these challenges, John Dalton has ensured that the Navy remains a national priority.

Secretary Dalton has shown an unwavering commitment to our nation, and deserves our recognition and our appreciation.

## ALEXANDR NIKITIN

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 17, 1998*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the ironic phrase "no good deed goes unpunished" suits the case of Russian citizen Alexandr Nikitin. Most Russian officials will be the first to admit that the collapsed Soviet military-industrial complex left behind a deplorable environmental legacy which affects not only the Russian Federation but also Russia's neighbors. The best known example is Chernobyl, but environmental specialists could provide a much longer list of environmental "hot spots." Regrettably, certain elements of the Russian military and security service seem