and subpoena information from energy companies or other participants subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

This legislation clarifies the functions of the Comptroller General to include: Monitoring and evaluating the functions and activities of FERC.

Access to market information from those subject to FERC jurisdiction including energy prices, costs, demand, supply, industry and market structure, auction processes, and environmental impacts.

Authority to issue subpoenas, and compliance with any issued subpoena, to those subject to FERC jurisdiction to carry out the responsibilities of this Act including any audit, investigation, examination, analysis, review or evaluation.

It is essential that Congress and the American people have access to detailed and unbiased information on what is happening in our energy markets. The General Accounting Office is the right source for such information and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to make certain that GAO has the tools it needs to perform its job in monitoring our energy markets.

The text of H.R. 2331 is below:

H.R. 2331

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Energy Market Monitoring Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) When Congress created the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 1977 under the Department of Energy Organization Act, it did not explicitly address the Comptroller General’s authority to request and subpoena information from facilities or businesses engaged in energy matters related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s activities. Clarification of the scope of the Comptroller General’s access to such information would facilitate the Comptroller General’s responsibilities in monitoring of the Nation’s energy programs.

(2) For markets to function properly to ensure the survival and success of freedom in South Asia, our government should go on record strongly supporting self-determination for all the peoples and nations of South Asia in the form of a free and fair, internationally-monitored plebiscite. This is the best way to support democracy for all of South Asia and to create strong allies for America in that troubled region.

LOSS OF A TRUE HEROINE, MRS. SUSAN WADHAMS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

Mr. CHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, Colorado lost one of its true heroines, Mrs. Susan Wadhams, of Littleton. Many of us on Capitol Hill also mourn the loss of Susan. She was my Chief of Staff and played a integral part in making many of our most celebrated legislative victories possible.

For most, Susan will be remembered for her boundless passion for America. She was an authentic patriot through and through. She enjoyed her work in the Congress and counted the opportunity a rare privilege. She utilized her station to advance the cause of freedom, liberty and human life every day she was here.

How tragic and ironic it is that her life with us has ended too soon. But Susan firmly persuaded all those around her to eventually share in her unwavering faith in God, and to take comfort in the promise of Heaven. From that standpoint, Mr. Speaker, we know that Susan’s life has not ended. It is only different. Susan’s life has not ended. It is only different.

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improving the American environment for fam-
ily, faith, and children became the exclusive mea-
sure of her life.
For me personally, I am deeply inspired by
Susan’s valor. She left Washington two years
ago, returning to Colorado in order to spend
more time with her husband, her family, and
the community she loved. Leaving the arena
of public leadership, however, was not an op-
portunity I ultimately seized. She was a model of courage, even
when fully appre-
ciated was embraced and profound, certainly
invigorating, but more often, infectious.
That was especially the case in our office.

Susan was a splendid woman—elegant in
every way. Pursued were of no interest
to her. She would not be distracted. She was
dedicated and disciplined. She lived life the way
she engaged politics—no nonsense, nothing
to excess, just win. Mr. Speaker, there are
dozens of elected officials whose election vic-
tories were engineered by Susan Wadhams.
I’m only one among them all.

Of course, that means there have been
nearly as many whose public goals were
 thwarted by Susan’s political prowess. It’s sim-
ple. Mr. Speaker, if Susan Wadhams was on
your side, your chances of winning were quite
good. If she was against you, you best think
of another line of work. Her opponents re-
pected her, too. Susan’s passion for America was her ad-
 vantage, and her faith was her power.
This was a woman who knew herself and knew
the times she was in; whose confidence exuded
leadership and whose leadership caused ac-
tion.

Susan’s battle with cancer was no less he-
roic. If it was ever in fear, it was well con-
celed. She was a model of courage, even
before her affliction. Though too short, her life
was complete and her legacy is unmistakable.
I thank God for my acquaintance with Susan.
Our friendship is one I genuinely regard as a
gift of Providence. I miss Susan Wadhams, and
I will never forget her.

Mr. Speaker, others have shared with me
their sentiments on the passing of Susan. I am
deeply grateful for the outpouring of condo-
 lence by so many, and I pledge to pass along
these comments to her survivors. Their appre-
ciation, I assure the House, will be great, too.
Mr. Speaker, at this point, I hereby submit
for the RECORD the comments I’ve so far re-
ceived, along with two press accounts of Su-
usan’s life.

Susan loved life, the west, her family and
friends. One day, she loved daisies. Since
then, I have not looked at a daisy, nor
will I ever without remembering her. I have
lost a friend.—Brandi Graham

Susan Wadhams hired me for my first job
on Capitol Hill. In my interview she said,
‘Not many young women have the courage to
move 2,000 miles away from their friends and
family to pursue their ambitions. I think it’s
great that you are following your dreams and
I would like to be a part of helping
young women like you in politics.’ She
offered me the door for an interview. I wasn’t
afraid of that. I would not be where I am today
without her. Susan left an indelible mark on all
who knew her. She will be greatly missed.—
Melissa Carlson, former staff member for
Congressman Bob Schaffer and current Dep-
yut Press Secretary for Governor George E.
Patakii, (R-NY).

The best memory Susan ever shared with
me was from her childhood in Colorado. She
had a pet lamb which stayed in a pen just
outside her bedroom window. When Susan
went to bed at night, she would open the
window and pull the lamb inside. When the
lamb became too big to pull through the win-
dow, it would not understand that it could no
longer in come. I love this story. I’m going to miss Susan.—Kriste
Kafel, the Heritage Foundation.

I’d like to add that Susan was very, very
happy to be back here in Colorado with her
family during this last year. We’ll miss her
dearly.—Kent Holinger

I think these sums up Susan pretty well:
Strong: Susan was perhaps one of the
strongest individuals I have ever had the
privilege of knowing.
Undeterred: She accomplished
much through sheer will and force of personality.
Smart: She possessed a lightning quick wit and
a firm grasp of the issues.
Activist: Her activist nature was con-
tagious.
Nationalist: A true patriot if there ever
was one.—Rob Nanfelt

When Susan first interviewed me for a Leg-
slative position with Bob, something just
clicked. We talked about our lives and how much we
missed Colorado. She had accomplished so much in her life.
As a young staffer striving to make it in the
competitive Capitol Hill environment, I was
impressed by her. I wanted to learn from her
success. Once I started working with Bob, I
saw her as a mentor. We talked freely about
God, family and the importance of focusing
on the right priorities in life. She discussed
her previous bout with cancer and how im-
portant it was to have access to quality
health care. I am sorry she didn’t make it
through this time. My thoughts and prayers
will be with her.—Stacy Brooks

Right up to the very end, May 15 to be
exact, Susan was still thinking of others—
she son’s birthday was coming up and she
needed a cake flown to the Capitol, and she
needed it by June 17 to present to him for his
birthday. To me it really showed the love she
had for her family, as well as other people.—
Gwen Schwartz

I think that she was a deep down good
woman who love politics and loved to be in-
volved. She will definitely be missed in CO
and here in DC.—Eric Price

Susan was a terrific Chief in that she pos-
sessed the management skills necessary for
the position but legislatively, she was as
green as the rest of us. Bob’s first staff, his
freshmen staff, had two people with prior
 legislative experience and the rest of his
were fresh from Colorado. We knew tons
about the way Colorado’s government worked, but were unfamiliar with the whole
process of introducing legislation, Whip
meetings, who to call if we needed a picture
hung—all the little things that make an of-
fice hum. The flow of information was al-
ways two ways and we never felt as if Susan
was above us, rather she was with us, learn-
ing together.

Under her guidance, our service to Colo-
rados was crafted to be responsive and dilli-
gent. Always steady in her convictions,
Susan approached the challenges of man-
aging the boss, and his staff, with a common
sense approach. Never acting on her own self
interests, she skillfully advocated the staff
and their needs but maintained here author-
ity with a “buck stops here” mentality. She
was the best Chief a staffer could ask for.
Having worked for her, I am a better per-
son.—Marcus Dunn

I admired her very much—she was a great
mentor to me!—Marge Klein

(From the Rocky Mountain News, June 26,
2001)

GOP ACTIVIST SUSAN WADHAMS DIES AT AGE
55
CAMPAIGNER KNOWN FOR ASTUTE JUDGMENT
AND LOVE OF POLITICS

(By Lynn Bartels and Michele Ames)

Susan Wadhams, who campaigned on the
ground for Republican candidates while her
state patrolman father flew three Colorado
governors around the state, was known as a
strong-willed woman who stood by her con-
icitions.

Wadhams, the former chief of staff for U.S.
Rep. Bob Schaffer and the spokeswoman for
the Colorado Department of Natural
Resources, died of cancer Monday.
She was 55.

“She is going to leave a terrible hole in the
political fabric of Colorado,” said Walt
Klein, a former campaign manager who hired
Wadhams:

Several friends say they knew of only one
other person whose interest in politics ri-
valed hers: her husband, Dick Wadhams, spokes-
man for Gov. Bill Owens.

“They were perfect for each other,” said
Roy Palmer, Owens’ chief of staff. “We’ve
lost a great woman.”

Funeral services are pending.

Susan Marie McBreen was born May 4, 1946,
in Birmingham, Ala., to Lucille and Donald
McBreen, while her father was a military
pilot.

After his stint in the service, Donald
McBreen returned to Colorado and Elbert
County and joined the Colorado State Pa-
trol.

Donald McBreen flew three governors:
John Love, John Vanderhoof and Dick
Lamm.

Each McBreen got her political start help-
ing former U.S. Sen. Bill Armstrong in his
first congressional run in 1972.

“She was a very astute judge of people and
of issues,” Armstrong said.

Susan and Dick Wadhams met in 1980 while
working on former Colorado Republican
State Figure Susan Wadhams Dies
DNR spokeswoman loses cancer fight
(By Fred Brown and Theo Stein)

Susan Wadhams, chief spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, died Monday evening after a long struggle with cancer. She was 55.

Wadhams, the wife of Gov. Bill Owens’ press secretary, Dick Wadhams, had worked for the state since January 1999.

“Susan was a close personal friend,” Owens said. “Colorado has lost a very special person.”

As the main public information officer for the Department of Natural Resources, Wadhams had to stay current on some of the state’s stickiest land management debates.

In the past year, she wrote press releases about the state’s support for the Animas-La Plata dam project, a challenge to federal population data on black-tailed prairie dogs and a controversial predator control study.

Susan Wadhams also served as head of the interdepartmental information team, which is responsible for coordinating information on oil and gas exploration, the state land board, forestry and parks.

She also was a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Jefferson County district.

In conclusion, I beg the attention of the House, that we may lift Susan up in prayer, and petition the Almighty for the Heavenly repose of her soul. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.