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Nominations for Posts at the Department of the Interior

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The President announced today his intention to nominate Molly H. Beattie, the director of a Vermont public policy center and former State natural resources official, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition, the President announced that his longtime environmental aide Kenneth Smith has been appointed the Fish and Wildlife Service's Deputy Director.

''Secretary Babbitt and I have placed a high priority on finding new ways to protect biological diversity without endangering economic growth,'' said the President. ''The Fish and Wildlife Service will play a big role in that process. I have full confidence in the ability of Molly Beattie and Ken Smith to do the hard work and the fresh thinking that needs to be done.''

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Executive Order 12847—Amending Executive Order 11423

May 17, 1993

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and in order to amend Executive Order No. 11423 of August 16, 1968, to provide for the issuance of permits for the full range of facilities that may be constructed and maintained on the borders of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Section 1(a) of Executive Order No. 11423 is amended to read: ''Except with respect to facilities covered by Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 10530, the Secretary of State is hereby designated and empowered to receive all applications for permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance, at the borders of the United States, of: (i) pipelines, conveyor belts, and similar facilities for the exportation or importation of petroleum, petroleum products, coal, minerals, or other products to or from a foreign country; (ii) facilities for the exportation or importation of water or sewage to or from a foreign country; (iii) facilities for the transportation of persons or things, or both, to or from a foreign country; (iv) bridges, to the extent that congressional authorization is not required; and (v) similar facilities above or below ground.''

Sec. 2. Section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 11423 of August 16, 1968, is amended by deleting the text ''subsection (a)(iii) or (iv)'' and by inserting ''subsection (a)(iii), (iv) or (v)'' in lieu thereof.

Sec. 3. All permits heretofore issued with respect to matters described in section 1 of Executive Order No. 11423, and in force at the time of issuance of this order, and all permits issued hereunder, shall remain in effect in accordance with their terms unless and until modified, amended, suspended, or revoked by the appropriate authority.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 17, 1993.

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NOTE: This Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 19, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on May 20.

Permit Authorizing Canadian Interests To Construct a Replacement Railway Tunnel

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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I hereby grant permission to Permittees, the Canadian National Railway Company, a Canadian Corporation with its principal offices in Montreal, Quebec, and its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary, the Grand Trunk Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal offices in Detroit, Michigan, and any jointly owned subsidiaries, to