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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 1970

Mr. MATHIAS (for himself, Mr. SCHADEBERG, Mr. DEVINE, Mr. HUNT, Mr. QUIE, Mr. COWGER, Mr. HARVEY, Mrs. DWYER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MAILLIARD, Mr. WOLD, Mr. HORTON, Mr. MICHEL, Mr. WEICKER, Mr. WINN, Mr. COUGHLIN, Mr. LANGEN, Mr. STANTON, Mr. WHALEN, Mr. RAILSBACK, Mr. LUKENS, and Mr. WILLIAMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To authorize the Council on Environmental Quality to conduct studies and make recommendations respecting the reclamation and recycling of material from solid wastes, to extend the provisions of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That this Act may be cited as the "Wastes Reclamation and
- 4 Recycling Act of 1970".

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

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2 SEC. 2. (a) The Congress finds that—

3 (1) increasing production, increasing population,
4 and technological advances in the United States have re-
5 sulted in an increased volume of industrial, commercial,
6 and domestic waste material which is polluting air, water,
7 and land, and this pollution can be ameliorated only by
8 greater use of reclamation and recycling of material
9 from solid wastes such as metals, plastics, ceramics and
10 glass, paper products, and the like;

11 (2) the failure to reclaim and recycle materials from
12 solid wastes for further economic uses contributes to
13 wasteful depletion of primary natural resources;

14 (3) such damage to the environment and wasteful
15 depletion of natural resources is due to the fact that the
16 reclamation of materials from wastes is not competitive
17 with the use of primary resources as a cost factor in the
18 production of goods; and

19 (4) particularly serious in this continuing and
20 worsening situation is the fact that the demand for motor
21 vehicle scrap metal is not sufficient to enable scrap proc-
22 essors to pay enough to final users and wreckers for
23 discarded motor vehicle hulks to induce them to bring
24 the discarded hulks to scrap processors for processing
25 into scrap metal for reuse.

1 (b) Accordingly, the purposes of this Act are:

2 (1) to provide for investigations, studies, surveys,
3 and research into development of methods of encourag-
4 ing greater use of reclamation and recycling of materials
5 from solid wastes; and

6 (2) to give special consideration to the problem
7 of motor vehicle hulks, including studies and recom-
8 mended action for encouraging greater reclamation and
9 recycling of these hulks.

10 STUDY OF INCENTIVES TO REUSE OF MATERIALS FROM
11 SOLID WASTES

12 SEC. 3. (a) The Council on Environmental Quality shall
13 coordinate Federal activities with respect to, and take other
14 appropriate action designed to provide maximum Federal
15 effort in and attention to, development of programs for
16 encouraging greater use of reclamation and recycling of
17 materials from solid wastes through incentive and regulatory
18 measures.

19 (b) The Council on Environmental Quality, in compli-
20 ance with its mandate to enhance the quality of renewable
21 resources and approach the maximum attainable reclamation
22 or recycling of depletable resources, shall—

23 (1) conduct a study of the relative effectiveness of
24 various types of incentives, including financial or tax
25 incentives, and regulatory measures to accelerate the

1 reclamation or recycling of materials from solid wastes
2 which are not presently in competition with primary
3 resources in the productive process, with special emphasis
4 on reuse of motor vehicle hulks; and

5 (2) report annually to the President, and at such
6 other times as may be appropriate, the results of its
7 research, studies, and surveys, with recommendations for
8 legislative proposals or executive action, through incen-
9 tives or regulatory measures, to encourage greater recla-
10 mation and recycling of materials from solid wastes.

11 (c) The Council may appoint, as necessary, advisory
12 committees composed of persons expert in the technological
13 aspects of reclaiming and recycling of materials from any
14 category of solid wastes to advise in developing or evaluat-
15 ing proposals with respect to the efficient and economic rec-
16 lamation and reuse of such materials. Members of any such
17 advisory committee, who are not in the regular full-time
18 employ of the United States, while attending meetings of the
19 committee or otherwise serving on business of the committee,
20 shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the
21 Secretary, but not exceeding the maximum rate specified at
22 the time of such service, for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of
23 title V, United States Code, including traveltime, and while
24 away from their homes or regular places of business they
25 may also be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in

1 lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5703
2 (b)) for persons in the Government service employed
3 intermittently.

4 (d) The Council is also authorized to hold public hear-
5 ings on proposals being considered to assist it in assessing
6 the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposals.

7 EXTENSION OF DURATION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT

8 SEC. 4. (a) Subsection (a) of section 210 of the Solid
9 Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 3259 (a)) is amended by
10 striking out "and" before "not to exceed \$19,750,000", and
11 by inserting before the period at the end thereof ", and such
12 sums as may be necessary for each of the next three fiscal
13 years".

14 (b) Subsection (b) of such section is amended by
15 striking out "and" before "not to exceed \$12,250,000", and
16 by inserting before the period at the end thereof ", and such
17 sums as may be necessary for each of the next three fiscal
18 years".

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