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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. *Sam*

Today, the full House Appropriations Committee struck the amendment to ban smoking in federal buildings from the draft Treasury, Postal Services & General Government appropriations bill. The motion to remove the ban, which was added in subcommittee last week, was offered by freshman Rep. Meek (D-FL) and passed by a 24-14 vote.

Rep. Visclosky (D-IN), who sponsored the anti-smoking amendment, was prepared to offer language banning cigarette vending sales and sampling on federal property; the amendment was not offered.

Also today, the House Appropriations' Transportation Subcommittee report was revised to delete language that would have ordered the Coast Guard to remove tobacco products and alcoholic beverages from its exchanges. Substitute language to be considered by the full Committee expresses intent that the Coast Guard should improve its administration and enforcement of the current policy limiting the quantity of cigarettes that may be purchased at one time.

In other action this morning, the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Health & the Environment continued its series of hearings on tobacco issues with testimony from James F. Glenn, M.D., chairman, president and chief executive officer of the Council for Tobacco Research (CTR). Dr. Glenn's written statement, materials distributed at the hearing and a preliminary transcript are enclosed. Subcommittee Chairman Waxman and others referenced a "Majority Staff Report" on CTR, but the document was not distributed to the public.

Media coverage of the hearing was heavy, with C-SPAN and all major television networks represented.

In addition to Waxman, attending the hearing were Ranking Minority Member Bliley (R-VA) and Members Greenwood (R-PA), McMillan (R-NC), Synar (D-OK) and Wyden (D-OR). Reps. Pallone (D-NJ) and Moorhead (R-CA) appeared briefly but did not speak.

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We will keep you apprised of developments on these issues.

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Enclosures

cc: The Members of the Management Committee
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