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FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs *OK*

SUBJECT: HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE: REQUEST FOR  
BRIEFING ON NRC-EPA MOU

The Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA) has received a request from Mr. Dwight Cates, a majority staff investigator for the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (O&I), for a briefing on the NRC-EPA effort to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on remediation issues. The Commission's recent letters to Congress, including Energy and Commerce Chairman Billy Tauzin, on the status of the effort prompted his request. The briefing could also include other staff members of the Committee. Mr. Cates' staff counterpart on the minority is Ms. Edith Holleman. Mr. Cates has asked for a copy of the proposed MOU. OCA is working with NMSS and Mr. Cates to coordinate a time for the briefing.

The Energy and Commerce Committee plans to hold its management meeting on February 8, 2001. Chairman Tauzin has released the attached two Press Releases announcing majority leadership positions on the Committee. The new O&I Chairman will be Representative James Greenwood (R-PA). The two releases announce the new subcommittee chairs, vice chairs and members and delineate their jurisdictions.

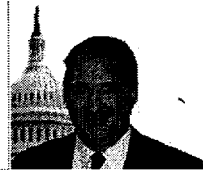
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## The Committee on Energy and Commerce News Release

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### Subcommittee Chairmen Ratified, Republican Assignments announced

#### *Rep. Burr named Committee Vice-Chairman*

WASHINGTON (January 31) – Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-LA) today announced that his recommendations for subcommittee chairmen have been unanimously ratified by the Committee's Republican members.

Also approved today were subcommittee assignments for Republican members of the panel, along with the elevation of Rep. Richard Burr (R-NC) as vice-chairman of the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

A list of the subcommittee assignments are as follows:

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection** – Cliff Stearns, Florida, Chairman; Nathan Deal, Georgia, Vice Chairman; Fred Upton, Michigan; Ed Whitfield, Kentucky; Barbara Cubin, Wyoming; John Shimkus, Illinois; John B. Shadegg, Arizona; Ed Bryant, Tennessee; Steve Buyer, Indiana; George Radanovich, California; Joseph R. Pitts, Pennsylvania; Mary Bono, California; Greg Walden, Oregon; Lee Terry, Nebraska; *vacancy*; and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex Officio).

**Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality** – Joe Barton, Texas, Chairman; Steve Largent, Oklahoma, Vice Chairman; Christopher Cox, California; Richard Burr, North Carolina; Ed Whitfield, Kentucky; Greg Ganske, Iowa; Charlie Norwood, Georgia; John Shimkus, Illinois;

Heather Wilson, New Mexico; Charles W. "Chip" Pickering, Mississippi; Vito Fossella, New York; Roy Blunt, Missouri; Ed Bryant, Tennessee; George Radanovich, California; Mary Bono, California; Greg Walden, Oregon; Lee Terry, Nebraska; and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex Officio).

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**Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials – Paul E. Gillmor, Ohio, Chairman; John Shimkus, Illinois, Vice Chairman; James C. Greenwood, Pennsylvania; Steve Largent, Oklahoma; Greg Ganske, Iowa; Heather Wilson, New Mexico; Vito Fossella, New York; Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Maryland; Steve Buyer, Indiana; George Radanovich, California; Joseph R. Pitts, Pennsylvania; Mary Bono, California; Greg Walden, Oregon; Lee Terry, Nebraska; *vacancy*; and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex Officio).**

**Subcommittee on Health – Michael Bilirakis, Florida, Chairman; Charlie Norwood, Georgia, Vice Chairman; Joe Barton, Texas; Fred Upton, Michigan; James C. Greenwood, Pennsylvania; Nathan Deal, Georgia; Richard Burr, North Carolina; Ed Whitfield, Kentucky; Greg Ganske, Iowa; Barbara Cubin, Wyoming; Heather Wilson, New Mexico; John B. Shadegg, Arizona; Charles W. "Chip" Pickering, Mississippi; Ed Bryant, Tennessee; Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Maryland; Steve Buyer, Indiana; Joseph R. Pitts, Pennsylvania; and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex Officio).**

**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations – James C. Greenwood, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Ed Whitfield, Kentucky, Vice Chairman; Michael Bilirakis, Florida; Cliff Stearns, Florida; Paul E. Gillmor, Ohio; Steve Largent, Oklahoma; Richard Burr, North Carolina; *vacancy*; and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex Officio).**

**Subcommittee on Telecommunications – Fred Upton, Michigan, Chairman; Cliff Stearns, Florida, Vice Chairman; Michael Bilirakis, Florida; Joe Barton, Texas; Paul E. Gillmor, Ohio; Christopher Cox, California; Nathan Deal, Georgia; Steve Largent, Oklahoma; Barbara Cubin, Wyoming; John Shimkus, Illinois; Heather Wilson, New Mexico; John B. Shadegg, Arizona; Charles W. "Chip" Pickering, Mississippi; Vito Fossella, New York; Roy**

**Blunt, Missouri; Thomas M. Davis,  
Virginia; Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Maryland;  
and, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, (Ex  
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### **Chairman Tauzin Announces Changes to Committee on Energy and Commerce Selects Leadership Team For 107th Congress**

**Washington (January 11)** – In a changing of the guard at the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-LA) today announced his recommended slate of members to chair the subcommittees within the historic Committee, along with plans to realign jurisdiction and add a sixth subcommittee.

"Under this proposal, we will have an opportunity to showcase the diversity and talent on our committee," Chairman Tauzin said in naming his subcommittee chairmen choices. "We plan to pursue an aggressive agenda this year, including a top-to-bottom review of our nation's energy policy, HMO reform, an affordable prescription drug policy, hearings on a wide range of privacy issues and vigorous oversight of the federal agencies under our committee's jurisdiction. I will be relying heavily on the expertise and leadership abilities of our new subcommittee chairmen in accomplishing these goals."

Chairman Tauzin's proposed leadership team includes: Reps. Michael Bilirakis, Health Subcommittee; Joe Barton, Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee; Fred Upton, Telecommunications Subcommittee; Cliff Stearns, Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee; Paul Gillmor, Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee; and James Greenwood, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Congressman Michael Bilirakis (R-FL), elected in 1982, chaired the Commerce Committee Health and Environment Subcommittee for the past six years. Mr. Bilirakis led the charge to expand health care coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. He will chair the Subcommittee on Health.

Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX), elected in 1984, chaired the Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee for four years before moving to the top spot on the Energy and Power Subcommittee. Mr. Barton has led the fight in the House of Representatives to deregulate natural gas and electricity. He will chair the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.

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Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI) was elected in 1986. Most recently, he served as Chairman of the Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. Mr. Upton co-authored the historic TREAD Act which passed Congress last year in response to the Firestone tire investigation. He will serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications.

Congressman Cliff Stearns (R-FL), elected in 1988, served as Vice Chairman of the Commerce Committee Energy and Power Subcommittee. Last year, Mr. Stearns championed the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act, which was signed into law by the President. He also has been a leader in developing our nation's telecommunications policies. He will chair the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-OH), elected in 1988, served as Vice Chairman of the Commerce Committee. He has worked tirelessly on a wide range of telecommunications, environmental and consumer protection issues. Mr. Gillmor will Chair the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

Congressman James Greenwood (R-PA), elected in 1991, served on the Subcommittee on Health and Environment. Mr. Greenwood has been a leader on major health and environmental issues. He will Chair the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Committee Republicans are expected to vote on Chairman Tauzin's recommendation when Congress convenes next month.

#### **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE JURISDICTIONS IN THE 107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

##### **Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection (Stearns)**

1. Interstate and foreign commerce, including all trade matters within the jurisdiction of the full committee;
2. Regulation of commercial practices (the FTC), including sports-related matters;
3. Consumer affairs and consumer protection, including privacy matters generally; consumer product safety (the CPSC); and product liability; and motor vehicle safety; and,
4. Regulation of travel, tourism, and time.

##### **Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Barton)**

1. National energy policy generally;
2. Fossil energy, renewable energy resources and synthetic fuels; energy conservation; energy information; energy regulation and utilization;
3. Utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities;
4. Interstate energy compacts;
5. Nuclear energy and waste;
6. The Clean Air Act; and,
7. All laws, programs, and government activities affecting such matters.

**Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials (Gillmor)**

1. Environmental protection in general, including the Safe Drinking Water Act and risk assessment matters;
2. Solid waste, hazardous waste and toxic substances, including Superfund and RCRA;
3. Mining, oil, gas, and coal combustion wastes; and,
4. Noise pollution control.

**Subcommittee on Health (Bilirakis)**

1. Public health and quarantine; hospital construction; mental health and research; biomedical programs and health protection in general, including Medicaid and national health insurance;
2. Food and drugs; and,
3. Drug abuse.

**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Greenwood)**

1. Responsibility for oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction.

**Subcommittee on Telecommunications (Upton)**

1. Interstate and foreign telecommunications including, but not limited to all telecommunication and information transmission by broadcast, radio, wire, microwave, satellite, or other mode.