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NORMAN E. ROSS - NATURAL RESOURCES AREA
DOMESTIC COUNCIL

- . Natural Resources and Environment Message
(to be delivered Wednesday, Feb. 27)
- . Presidential Food Policy - due Friday, Feb. 22
- World Food Conference position
- . P Sugar Legislation - Flannigan to Schultz on yesterday's
actions as a result of Butz's testimony. Follow up
action on sugar
- . Morton-Kissinger on Minerals and Materials. Report
to the President due in May.
- . Cross Florida Barge Canal. Court order and President Decision
Justice--OMB--us
- . Puerto Rico Advisory Group final report, funding after
June 30, 1974/Marlow Cook an answer
- . Establishing a Domestic Council Committee on Land Use
Use - chaired by Sec. Morton. First meeting: Feb. 26
- . Work on Land Use Legislation
- . Water Resources Development Act -- Veto or no veto
Congressional Relations Staff on Friday.



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- . Domestic Council Committee on Environmental Resources
- . Forest Service Regulations on Mining



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KEY FACTS ON NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENVIRONMENT

- I. The President originated an all-out attack on the problems facing the American environment and proclaimed the protection of the environment "a national priority".
- II. To consolidate and better manage the Federal environmental effort, the President --
 - A. Created the Council on Environmental Quality, which serves to provide the President and Federal departments and agencies with policy guidance for environmental quality activities.
 - B. Called for the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency which, since December 1970, has enforced the laws against pollution and has improved environmental control efforts.
 - C. Called for the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce which, since December 1970, has employed a unified approach to the problems of the oceans and atmosphere.
 - D. Proposed a new Department of Energy and Natural Resources to provide a central source for responsibility for natural resources programs.
- III. Funding for programs in natural resources and environment has increased from \$2.2 billion in 1969 to \$3.7 billion in 1974. These programs --
 - A. Made available in 1972 and 1973, \$8.9 billion in budget authority for grants to construct municipal sewage treatment facilities. This total is nearly three times the amount appropriated in the ~~preceding 15 years~~.
 - B. Established the Environmental Financing Authority to assist communities experiencing difficulties financing waste treatment plant construction.



- C. Initiated a State and Federal permit program to regulate commercial, industrial, and municipal discharges of pollutants into waterways.
 - D. Began establishment of noise emission standards and a new program of classifying, registering, and testing pesticides.
 - E. Assisted State and local governments in acquiring an estimated 134,000 acres of park lands in 1973 through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
 - F. Increased outlays for municipal sewage treatment facilities by 120 percent to \$1.6 billion.
 - G. Doubled grants to States and interstate agencies for support of water pollution prevention and control programs.
 - H. Increased by \$34 million outlays for grants to State and local governments for purchase and development of park and recreation areas under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
 - I. Allowed ~~purchase of~~ an estimated 174,000 acres in 1973 and 172,000 acres in 1974 for Federal park, historic, recreation, and wildlife areas.
 - J. Started construction of facilities in 22 national park areas for the American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration.
- IV. The President approved new Principles and Standards applying to Federal programs and plans for water resources development. These new Principles and Standards represent the first major improvement in over a decade in planning criteria for Federal investments in the water resources area.
- V. The President approved an agreement between the United States and Mexico which calls for a permanent and definitive solution to the more than 12 years of international problems over the salinity of the Colorado River.



VI. The President has proposed and supported key natural resources and environment legislation of which many have been signed into law. They include air quality legislation, strengthened water quality and pesticide control legislation, new authorities to control noise and ocean dumping, regulations to prevent oil and other spills in our ports and waterways, and legislation establishing major national recreation areas at America's Atlantic and Pacific gateways, New York and San Francisco.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Energy

- Total U.S. Imports (Crude and Product)
- Domestic Crude Production
- Total Apparent Demand for Petroleum Products
- Retail Prices (Gasoline, Home Heating, Residual)
- Crude Oil Acquisition Cost
- OPEC Production
- Status of President's Legislation
- R & D - Technical Options

Science and Technology

- National R&D Funding Trends by Source
- Trends in R&D/GNP Ratios, by Leading Industrial Countries
- Federal R&D Obligations, by Character of Work
- Federal R&D Obligations, by Function
- Federal R&D Obligations, by Major Function

Transportation

- Changes in Weekend Driving
- Sales of Motor Gasoline
- Highway Fatalities
- Transit Passengers



Transportation (cont'd)

- Amtrak Passengers
- Air Carrier Passengers
- Rail Freight Traffic
- Intercity Track Tonnage
- Automobile Production
- Truck Production
- Average Gasoline Margins, Selling Prices and Purchasing Prices
- Aviation Fuel Costs

Interior

[Department's submission needs total revision.]

Agriculture

- Farm Income *Quarterly*
- Farm Prices *Twice yearly*
- Food Expenditures *Monthly*
- Balance Sheet of Farming Sector *yearly*
- Farm/Non-Farm Disposable Income *yearly*
- Cropland Intended for Harvest *yearly*
- Government Farm Subsidies *yearly*
- Farm Population *yearly*
- Farm Employment *yearly*
- Number of Farms by Size *yearly*
- Farm Ownership *yearly*
- Farm Output and U.S. Population *yearly*
- Crop and Livestock Production *yearly*



Agriculture (cont'd)

- Output Per Manhour - Farm and Non-farm *yearly*
- Farm Productivity *yearly*
- Selected Farm Inputs *yearly*
- Fertilizer Prices and Use *yearly*
- Farm-Food Marketing Bill and Consumer Food Expenditures
- Farm-Retail Spread *Every four months* *(Quarterly)*
- Components of Farm Foods Bill *yearly*
- Food Marketing Labor and Other Costs *Every six months*
- Agriculture Exports *Quarterly*
- Land Use *Every 5 years*
- Timber Production *Quarterly*
- Food Assistance - Participants and Funding *Monthly*
- World Food Production and Population *yearly*

Environment

- Air Pollutant Emissions and Ambient Air Quality
- Auto Emissions
- Water Quality - Conditions and Trends
- Index Values for Selected Rivers
- Municipal Water Construction Grants

Space

- NASA Outlays
- Target Dates for Major Programs



Corps of Engineers

- Federal Spending for Civil Programs *yearly*
- Program Trends *yearly*
- Hydroelectric Power Actual and Projected *yearly*
- Waterborne Navigation Traffic *yearly*
- Disaster Assistance *yearly*

Role of the Federal Government

- Number and Funding of Consumer Protection Laws and Business Regulations
- Employment in Regulatory Agencies

NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION

National Land Use Policy Act

Environmental Protection Tax Act

National Resource Land Management Act

Land and Water Conservation Fund Amendments

Mining and Mineral leasing on Public Lands

Mined Area Protection

Toxic Substances Control Act

Land Disposal of Hazardous Wastes

Safe Drinking Water Act

Predator Control

Department of Energy and Natural Resources

Big Cypress Fresh Water Reserve

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

World Heritage Trust

Marine Fisheries Bill

Wilderness Areas (Eastern)

Oklawaha River Study

Ocean Dumping Convention





Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller

Powerful Role Given To Vice President

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