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STATEMENT OF FRANK G. ZARB
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UNITED STATES SENATE

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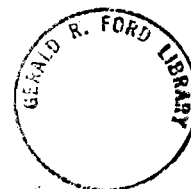


Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I have the distinct privilege this morning of introducing to you Dr. John Christie, who has been nominated by President Ford to be Assistant Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration for Policy and Analysis.

It is a pleasure to be here to speak in support of confirmation of Dr. Christie's nomination. I am convinced that he will be an invaluable asset to the Federal Energy Administration. His past experience well qualifies him to take on the important job of guiding our policy and analysis functions.

The members of this Committee are, of course, well aware of the many critically important energy responsibilities which have devolved on FEA in the two and one-half years since the term "energy crisis" became a household phrase for all Americans.

The execution of the many tasks mandated by the Federal Energy Administration Act, the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act, the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act, and now the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, depends upon the capability of our Policy and Analysis organization to assemble accurate and up-to-date information, to make forecasts of energy supply and demand, and to assess the potential impact of a broad range of energy policy options for the Nation.



Dr. Christie brings a wealth of analytical expertise to the key position of FEA Assistant Administrator for Policy and Analysis. He currently serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation, and has completed four years of service in this extremely sensitive position.

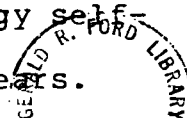
John entered Government service in 1966, when he joined the staff of the Defense Department's Systems Analysis section -- the forerunner of today's Program Analysis and Evaluation unit. A year later, he was chosen as director of the Nuclear Weapons, Command, and Control Division, and in 1971 was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for General Purpose Programs, where he served until assuming his present post.

Before joining Defense, John was a member of the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey. He has earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Throughout his ten years with the Defense Department, John demonstrated not only his ability, but also his eagerness, to deal with many complex and interrelated programs and functions of the Federal Government's largest department.

I am certain that his enthusiasm and experience will prove invaluable in his new job.

The challenges of developing a comprehensive national energy policy encompassing all areas of energy supply, production, consumption, conservation, development, and distribution remain as important today in determining our Nation's future energy self-sufficiency as they have been during the past several years.



Formulating energy policy options for the Nation requires the services of the best available analytical talent. I am convinced that, in John Christie, the Federal Energy Administration will have the benefit of such talent -- a proven track record of accomplishment and an admirable willingness to take on the new challenge of helping to develop the energy policies which can bring the United States back to a position of invulnerability in energy.

Mr. Chairman, I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Christie's nomination. I have the utmost personal confidence in and respect for his professional accomplishments and expertise, and I am certain that FEA will be fortunate indeed to be able to take advantage of the services he is so well-equipped to provide.

It is my hope that the members of this Committee will act favorably on this nomination, and that the Senate will provide its confirmation at the earliest possible date.

Thank you.

