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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLF
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 17628
Holifield National Laboratory

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 17628, sponsored by Representative Price and five others, which would designate the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, as the "Holifield National Laboratory" in honor of Congressman Chet Holifield.

DISCUSSION
Based on strong sentiment expressed by citizens of Tennessee in general and of Oak Ridge in particular, Senators Baker and Brock and Representative Duncan (Rep. Tenn.) oppose the renaming of the Laboratory. They have written you citing civic pride, as well as a lack of identification with Congressman Holifield, as the main arguments opposing the bill.

Jack Marsh and Max Friedersdorf's office recommend you approve notwithstanding the above objections which were not raised during the legislative process. Further, they feel the President should not be called upon to veto a bill which has been passed by voice vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS
OMB, Marsh, Friedersdorf (O'Donnell) and Areeda recommend approval.

DECISION - H.R. 17628
Sign (Tab B) [M.R.F.] Pocket Veto
(Prepare memorandum of disapproval)
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 17628 - Holifield National Laboratory
Sponsor - Rep. Price (D) Illinois and 5 others

Last Day for Action
January 4, 1975 - Saturday

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Agency Recommendations
Office of Management and Budget Approval
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H.R. 17628 would honor Representative Holifield on his retirement at the end of the 93rd Congress.

Michael H. Rosewell
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures
Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference  
ATTN: Mrs. Louise Garziglia  
Legislative Reference Division  
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mr. Rommel:

The Atomic Energy Commission is pleased to respond to your request for its views and recommendations on Enrolled Bill H.R. 17628, "[t]o designate a national laboratory as the "Holifield National Laboratory."

H.R. 17628 provides that the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, shall hereinafter be known and designated as the "Holifield National Laboratory."

The Atomic Energy Commission recommends that the President sign the enrolled bill.

Sincerely,

[signature]

[Chairman]
DEC 24 1974
Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

By referral dated December 23, 1974, from the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, your office requested the views of the General Services Administration on enrolled bill H.R. 17628, 93rd Congress, an act "To designate a national laboratory as the 'Holifield National Laboratory'."

GS has no objection to Presidential approval of the enrolled bill.

Sincerely,

Arthur F. Sampson
Administrator
MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 875
Enrolled Bill H.R. 17628 - Holifield National Laboratory

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 875

Date: December 27, 1974
Time: 8:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Mike Duval
Max Friedersdorf
Phil Areeda

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, December 30
Time: 1:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:
Enrolled Bill H.R. 17628 - Holifield National Laboratory

ACTION REQUESTED:

___ For Necessary Action
___ For Your Recommendations
___ Prepare Agenda and Brief
___ Draft Reply
___ For Your Comments
___ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President
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No Objection OK

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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President
TO DESIGNATE THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AS THE "HOLIFIELD NATIONAL LABORATORY"

REPORT
BY THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY
[To accompany H.R. 17628]

DECEMBER 17, 1974.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. Price, from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 17628]

The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, having considered H.R. 17628, to designate a national laboratory as the "Holifield National Laboratory," hereby report favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

SUMMARY OF BILL

H.R. 17628 provides that the national laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tenn., presently commonly known as the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Holifield National Laboratory." The bill further provides that references in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory shall be held to be references to the Holifield National Laboratory.

BACKGROUND

Congressman Chet Holifield has served continuously in the House of Representatives since his first election to the 78th Congress in 1942. Early this year when he announced his decision to retire at the end of this session, the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Melvin Price, made a statement in the House of Representatives on February 20, 1974, which included these remarks:

Chet is a Congressman's Congressman. In his 32 years of service, he has established a record of accomplishments qualifying him as a legislator and statesman without peer. I know of no person who has devoted himself more completely to the development of adequate energy supplies for this Nation. In the energy field many know him only as a leader in the development of nuclear energy, but I can assure you his...
interests go beyond that and indeed encompass the entire spectrum of energy resources.

Chet Holifield was there, more than a quarter of a century ago, when the Congress transmuted the atomic bomb project into the uniquely structured national program delineated in the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. Then a junior member of the House Military Affairs Committee, Congressman Holifield helped forge many of the distinctive features of the historic 1946 Act. He fought for effective civilian control of the awesome military force, for Government ownership of the special materials and equipment involved in the production and use of the new energy source, and for a broad scope of research and development directed toward beneficial civilian applications of atomic energy. On August 2, 1946, the day after the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 became law, Chet Holifield was appointed a member of the newly constituted Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the congressional committee established by that Act as the legislative “watchdog” for all nuclear-related matters. He has, uninterruptedly to December 13, 1974, served on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy with unmatched faithfulness and labor; for ten years he served as the Joint Committee’s alternating Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Throughout the years, Chet Holifield’s labor and voice steadfastly led or supported the national commitment to develop civilian nuclear power, to acquire the greatest possible fund of knowledge respecting ionizing radiation, to foster worthwhile basic and applied research and development in nuclear and other energy fields, and to maintain a unique national competence in the form of multipurpose national laboratories staffed by able scientists and engineers.

The facilities and talents at the national laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee constitute an outstanding example of such multiprogrammed installations. There, scientific and technological activities range from the most fundamental research efforts in the life and physical sciences to demonstration projects involving construction and operation of nuclear powerplants. The scope of R. & D. functions at the Oak Ridge laboratory extends beyond nuclear-oriented programs.

On December 12, 1974, the Chairman of the Joint Committee, for himself, Mr. Hosmer, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Horton, Mr. Blatnik, and Mr. Harsha, introduced a bill, H.R. 17268, to designate the national laboratory at Oak Ridge as the “Holifield National Laboratory”.

Following introduction of the bill the committee met in executive session on December 13, 1974, and voted to report favorably thereon.

Cost of Legislation

In accordance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-510), the Joint Committee has determined that the Atomic Energy Commission would incur essentially no costs as a result of this legislation.

Changes in Existing Law

In accordance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee states that this bill makes no change in existing law.

H.R. 1612
An Act

To designate a national laboratory as the "Holifield National Laboratory".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Holifield National Laboratory". Any reference in any law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory shall be held to be reference to the Holifield National Laboratory.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.
December 24, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 24th:

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Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
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Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.