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SUBJECT:

TOXIC SUBSTANCES BILL

On Friday the Senate passed the Toxic Substances Control Act, intended to protect the public from substances such as Kepone, PCBS, vinyl chloride and mercury. The House has also been considering a toxic substances bill, which apparently is not as strict a bill. It has been labelled by some the "most important environmental legislation before Congress this year."

What is the Administration reaction to the Toxic Substances bill, which was passed by the Senate Friday?

GUIDANCE: EPA Administrator Train and OMB Director Lynn have both testified before the House in support of HR 7664, the Toxic Substances bill which the House is considering.

However, we have not yet had a chance to review the bill as passed by the Senate Friday, which I understand contains several floor amendments. I expect we will take a position on it shortly.

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