

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown at 9:40 a.m.

1.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 1.1 Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 1988, meeting; Mr. Rowton seconded the motion. The Committee approved the minutes, as written.
- 1.2 The following announcements were made:
- o GRC Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday, December 14, J.W. Marriott Hotel;
 - o GRC Meeting - Friday, January 13, CMA;
 - o Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings, January 17-18, CMA Headquarters;
 - o CHEMICAL FORUM Luncheon - Wednesday, January 18, Westin Hotel
Guest Speaker: U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA),
Chairman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and,
 - o Briefing Breakfast - Thursday, January 26, Sheraton-Carlton Hotel.
- 1.3 Mr. Burns commented on the status of the transition team project. CMA standing committees are developing prioritized lists of legislative or regulatory issues, as well as issue papers. Final drafts of Committee papers will be edited by the CMA Communications Department. Following appropriate clearance, Mr. Davis will deliver the papers to the transition team contact. Briefing teams from each Committee will meet with appropriate Cabinet and agency appointees. The papers will also be used by Messrs. Davis and Healy during meetings with House and Senate Democratic and Republican leadership.

Following discussion, the GRC agreed on the following focus areas for CMA discussion in the transition process of the Bush Administration:

- o Tax Policy;
 - o Environmental and Safety Policy (air and waste issues);
 - o Transportation Policy.
- 1.4 Mr. Christy, Chairman of the GRC Taxation task group, reported on recent activities of the National Economic Commission (NEC). The CMA Tax Policy Committee and the Energy Committee have agreed to submit two supplemental statements to the NEC: (1) an overall statement on tax issues and their effect on the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers, and (2) a statement directed towards the specific adverse impact of a quota fee or tax on imported oil, especially as it affects energy intensive industries like the chemical industry. A comprehensive cover letter will generally describe both proposals and be signed by CMA President Robert A. Roland. Mr. Christy recommended that the GRC join in this over-all recommendation and the Committee agreed.

- 1.5 Chairman Brown led a discussion of the GRC's high priority issues for the CMA Grassroots Program of the 101st Congress. Likely issues to be undertaken by the grassroots program are -- Clean Air, RCRA, and Hazardous Materials Transportation. Possible additional issues may include -- Product Liability and Tort Reform, and Taxation. Efforts will be made to increase the number of issues addressed by the system without overburdening its resources.

Ms. Archuleta commented that the task force, in the past, had been encumbered by having been assigned only a few issues. She stated that there is good opportunity to utilize the grassroots system in place when additional issues become active. The Task Group will continue its education effort in improving the abilities of company grassroots representatives through training seminars. Attention is also being focused on improving the newsletter and using the SCAN system more effectively.

- 1.6 Mr. Van, CMA Communications Department, commented on new CMA media activities in support of ongoing advocacy efforts on Clean Air legislation. The media program will be flexible enough to focus on additional issues, i.e. waste minimization, hazardous materials transportation, etc. Activities will include radio broadcasts to 2400 stations each month, television news features, and satellite time going into about 15 targeted cities.

Mr. Van also reported on the CMA Title III communications program. Response to this chemical industry activity has been favorable.

- 1.7 Mr. Burns reported on the annual chemical industry economic briefings held December 15 and 16 by Dr. Lenz and Mr. O'Connor, CMA Government Relations Department, in New York City and Washington, DC. Publications represented during the briefings included the New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Time, Forbes, Fortune, US News, Chemical Week, Chemical Marketing Reporter, Chemical and Engineering News, Journal of Commerce, Houston Chronicle and United Press International. The briefing material will be circulated to the Washington Representative community.

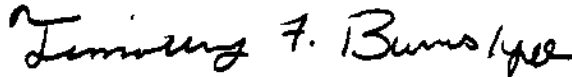
2.0 OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 2.1 Chairman Brown announced that a legislative practices seminar would be held sometime early next year. Further information will be provided as details are worked out.
- 2.2 Mr. Denyes reported on the condition of former GRC member, J. Wilson Malloy, Eastman Chemicals Products, Inc. Mr. Malloy is a patient at Alexandria Hospital. It was suggested that notes or holiday greetings be sent to his home address.

- 2.3 Mr. Stover requested that member companies advise CMA of inaugural activities, and the Association will serve as a clearing house.
- 2.4 Mr. Burns announced that a legislative representative for groundwater and RCRA had been hired -- Robert Flagg, presently with the National Coal Association. Mr. Flagg will begin his employment with CMA on January 3.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy F. Burns
Staff Executive

Subject to Approval