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JUL 22, 1974 HAND DELIVERED

Dear Colleague:

You would be interested, as a Member from a coal-producing state, in the enclosed amendment which I have filed to the strip mining bill.

I believe we must focus more attention on and give more research support to the development of deep coal mine technoogy.

You know I would be grateful for your consideration and support of this amendment when it comes up, probably on Tuesday.

Warmest regards, and

Believe me,

Always sincerely, Claude Pepper Member of Congress

Amendments to H. R. 11500, As Reported

Offered by Mr. Pepper

Page 286, after line 23, insert the following:

Research and Demonstration Projects On Alternative Coal Mining Technologies

Sec. 708. (a) The Secretary is authorized to conduct, and promote the coordination and acceleration of, research, studies, surveys, experiments, demonstration projects, and training relating to--

(1) the development and application of coal mining technologies which provide alternatives to surface disturbance and which maximize the recovery of available coal resources, including the improvement of present underground mining methods, methods for the recurn of underground mining wastes to the mine void, methods for the underground mining of thick coal seams and very deep coal seams, and such other means of mining as may be recommended in the studies authorized under section 704; and (2) safety and health in the application of such technologies, methods, and means.

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(b) In conducting the activities authorized by this section, the Secretary may enter into contracts with and make grants to qualified institutions, agencies, organizations, and persons.

(c) There are authorized to be appropriated to the
Secretary, to carry out the purposes of this section, \$50,000,000 for each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year entry
Jump, 1976., and for each year thereafter for the next four years.

(And renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.)

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Dear Harley:

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You know the people of the country are so very much concerned about the energy shortage as to a loss of understanding how it came about. I was wondering if you might give consideration to holding a hearing that may be devoted to finding out how this energy shortage occurred, why it came upon us so suddenly, why greater preparation was not made for it and what the facts really are now. It does seem to me that the hearings held recently by Jackson's Committee do not adequately answer the questions of the American people.

You have done such a fine job in this field and I would like to see your committee stay in the league. These are just a few suggestions for your consideration.

Believe me,

Always sincerely.

FEB 4 1974

Claude Pepper Member of Congress

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