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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HR 3400--Political Activities Act

1. I met yesterday with Charles Battaglia, SSCI staff, to discuss the progress he had made in gaining relief from the Political Activities Act (HR-3400) which seeks to revise the Hatch Act to grant all Federal employees the right to engage more fully in the political process.

2. Earlier I had provided Battaglia with a draft letter to be sent to Senator Glenn, Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, by Chairman Boren laying out the Agency concerns. Battaglia reported that not only did he have Boren's support but that other Committee Members, including Senator Roth, had signed up to our position. Battaglia said he had not yet sent the letter because Senator Roth, who also serves on the Governmental Affairs Committee, indicated that he thinks the bill may die in Committee. Battaglia also reported that the Committee Members he had spoken with supported a total Agency exclusion.

3. Battaglia said that Chairman Boren was weighing whether or not to send the letter now or wait until HR-3400 stated to show signs of life. Battaglia supported sending the letter now so that the Committee was on record as opposing this piece of legislation. He promised to keep me informed.

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