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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

94TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C., January 28, 1976.

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Transmitted herewith is a brief report on the activities of the Subcommittee on SBA and SBIC Legislation during the First Session of the 94th Congress.

The legislative subcommittee, under Chairman Neal Smith, had referred to it 57 pieces of legislation. Action on 28 bills was completed, 3 bills are in the process of being considered, and 26 are scheduled for consideration in the near future. All bills brought to the Floor of the House have been passed unanimously. This is an outstanding record and one which the Members of the Committee may well be justly proud.

This committee print is submitted for your consideration and use in connection with the Committee's consideration of legislation to provide assistance to and protection of small business.

Very sincerely yours,

JOE L. EVINS, M.C., *Chairman.*

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Activities of the Subcommittee on SBA and SBIC Legislation Ninety-Fourth Congress, First Session

I. REFERRED LEGISLATION

A total of 57 House bills, House resolutions and Senate bills passed by the Senate were referred to the Subcommittee during the First Session of the 94th Congress. The processing of these measures by the Subcommittee is as follows:

28 were considered and passed the House or were otherwise disposed of;

3 were the subject of hearings which are still in process;

26 are awaiting action.

The Subcommittee held 24 meetings as follows:

7 days of hearings to consider legislation, action on which was completed;

9 days of hearings on legislation still in process;

8 meetings of the Subcommittee to consider legislation and other matters within its jurisdiction.

II. LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

A. Small Business Emergency Relief Act

H.R. 5541, which passed both Houses and was signed by the President on December 31, 1975 (P.L. 94–190) authorizes a Federal agency, where the circumstances justify it, to either cancel a fixed-price contract which was entered between August 15, 1971 and October 31, 1974 and release the small businessman from his obligation under it or to modify the terms of the contract and grant him a price increase. This authority may be exercised, however, only if the contractor has incurred substantial unanticipated price increases which affect his cost of performing under the contract and only if he can establish that these losses were not the result of negligence on his part.

The law also takes into consideration the impact of the energy shortage upon small business contractors. It provides that if such a contractor is unable to complete the contract in timely fashion because of his inability to obtain energy, petroleum or petroleum products, the delay is an excusable one and the agency shall allow him additional time to complete the work under the contract.

Related documents include:

House Report No. 94–154;

Conference Report (House) No. 94–724.

This bill was favorably reported and enacted as a substitute for H.R. 2879, 3207, 3886, 4544 and 9210.

B. Miscellaneous amendments to the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act

H.R. 9056 was passed by the House on October 6, 1975 and referred to the Senate Small Business Subcommittee of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. The bill would clarify the eligibility of all agricultural small businesses for financial assistance under some 19 loan programs operated by SBA. Among these are general business loans direct from SBA at 6⅝ percent interest, or bank guaranteed loans at a maximum of 10¾ percent interest, repayable over up to ten years, or an SBA loan of up to $500 thousand for equipment needed to meet water pollution control requirements, with interest also at 6⅝ percent but repayable over up to 30 years.

The bill would also establish a new program of financing for small businesses to meet pollution standards by authorizing the Small Business Administration to guarantee a lease of pollution control equipment between a small business and a State agency. Under this program a State agency would issue industrial revenue bonds and the proceeds of the bond sales would be used to construct the pollution abatement equipment. The State authority would then lease the equipment to the small business with the SBA lease guarantee being pledged to assure payment of the bonds. Although the bonds would be issued by a State agency, they would not be obligations of that State and would not be paid for by taxpayers. These bonds would be beneficial to small business due to the lower interest rate which industrial revenue bonds customarily have due to the interest income being tax exempt to the investor.

Similar legislation was passed by the Senate as S. 2498 on December 12, 1975 and is awaiting Senate action on the House amendments passed on Dec. 17. In addition to the House provisions, the Senate bill also contained provisions to:

1. Require a Presidential study of the function of providing natural disaster relief by the Federal Government;
2. Make miscellaneous amendments to the legislation governing Small Business Investment Companies;
3. Broaden the permissible use of funds obtained from state and local development companies;
4. Increase the maximum amount of assistance under certain SBA administered loan programs;
5. Increase the authorization for SBA's surety bond guarantee program and expand its coverage; and
6. Establish a National Commission on Small Business in America.

The House bill was favorably reported and passed as a substitute for H.R. 78, 3483, 3799, 5675, 6120, 6160, 6519, 6536, 7536, 7790, 8057 and 9208.

Related documents include:

Hearing record entitled, "SBA Assistance for Agricultural Concerns and to Meet Pollution Controls";
House Report No. 94–519.

C. SBA loans for small businesses injured by the disruption of public utility service

H.R. 4888 was passed by the House on June 17, 1975, and referred to the Senate Small Business Subcommittee of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. The bill would establish an additional specific loan program in SBA for small businesses which have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disruption of operations and services of public utilities to such small business concerns. SBA loans authorized by this bill would be repayable over a maximum of 10 years and would bear interest at a rate equal to the average annual interest rate on all interest bearing obligations of the United States, or 6⅝ percent.

This bill was passed as a substitute for H.R. 6204.

Related documents include:

Hearing record entitled, "SBA Loans for Small Businesses Suffering Economic Injury Due to Public Utility Disruptions";
House Report No. 94–288.

III. HEARINGS IN PROGRESS

A. To protect small businesses engaged in the processing and marketing of meat and to promote competition in this industry (H.R. 5982).

B. To protect small businesses engaged in petroleum marketing and to promote competition in this industry (H.R. 8117).

C. To increase the authorization for miscellaneous small business programs (S. 1839).

D. To reduce the paperwork burden imposed on small business by eliminating unnecessary or duplicative Federal forms (no legislation introduced).

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Status	Bill No.	Sponsor	Subject
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 78	McFall	To create a pollution control financing program for small business.
Completed	H.R. 894	Price	To provide loans to small business concerns seriously affected by shortages of energy producing materials.
Completed	H.R. 1918	Matsunaga	To provide loans to small business conerns affected by the energy shortage.
Pending	H.R. 2698	McCollister	To amend the National Housing Act and the Small Business Act to transfer without change from SBA to HUD the function of providing catastrophe assistance to victims, other than small businesses, and the function of providing assistance to certain organizations operated in the interest of handicapped individuals; also referred to Banking, Currency and Housing.
Substitute enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 2879	Fish	To provide for emergency relief for small business concerns in connection with fixed-price Government contracts.
Pending	H.R. 2961	Addabbo	To provide financial assistance to persons whose small businesses are displaced by Federal and federally assisted programs so they may lease, rent, or buy replacement quarters.
Substitute enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 3207	Corman	To provide for emergency relief for small business concerns in connection with fixed-price Government contracts.

Pending	H.R. 3482	Roe	To provide that a small business concern shall include a nonprofit organization providing economic benefit or valuable service to its members.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 3483	Roe	To expand the definition of small business concern to include agri-business.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 3799	Patman	To expand the definition of small business concern to include agri-business.
Pending	H.R. 3823	Addabbo, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 2961.
Pending	H.R. 3824	Addabbo, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 2961.
Substitute enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 3886	Roe	To provide for emergency relief for small business concerns in connection with fixed-price Government contracts.
Substitute enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 4544	O'Brien and Flood	Similar to H.R. 3207.
Pending	H.R. 4601	Clancy	To authorize additional loan assistance for disaster victims and for other purposes.
Passed House June 17, 1975.	H.R. 4888	Addabbo, et al	To make loans available for small businesses suffering economic injuries as the result of the disruption of operations and services of public utilities.
Enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 5541	Smith of Iowa, et al	To provide for emergency relief for small business concerns in connection with fixed-price Government contracts.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 5675	John L. Burton	To include small business establishments primarily engaged in the production of cow's milk under sec. 7(g) for loans to comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Status	Bill No.	Sponsor	Subject
Hearings commenced	H.R. 5982	Smith of Iowa	To clarify the eligibility of certain small businesses for loans under the Small Business Act, to aid, protect and preserve small businesses in meat production and marketing, and for other purposes; also referred to the Agriculture Committee.
Pending	H.R. 6034	Mink	To provide relief to certain small business concerns by prohibiting the enforcement of their contractual indebtedness to the United States for a period of 3 years.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 6120	Roybal	Similar to H.R. 78.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 6160	John Burton, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 5675.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 4888).	H.R. 6204	Murphy of New York.	Similar to H.R. 4888.
Pending	H.R. 6339	Patterson	To increase to $5,000,000 the amount of a contract on which SBA may issue a surety bond where such bond is required in order for a small business to bid on a contract being let by an agency of the United States.
Pending	H.R. 6463	Mitchell of Maryland	To amend the Small Business Act to impose a moratorium on the repayment of principal and interest on certain loans made by the SBA for a period of 2 years or until such time as the President determines that the United States is no longer in a period of economic recession.

Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 6519	Clausen	Similar to H.R. 5675.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 6536	Peyser	Similar to H.R. 5675.
Pending	H.R. 6833	Mitchell of Maryland, et al.	Reintroduction of H.R. 6463.
Pending	H.R. 6952	Addabbo	To amend the Small Business Act with respect to Government contracts with small business concerns.
Pending	H.R. 7164	Mitchell of Maryland, et al.	Reintroduction of H.R. 6463.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 7536	McFall, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 78.
Pending	H.R. 7548	Brodhead	To regulate commerce and protect human health and environment by requiring testing and necessary use restrictions on certain chemical substances, and for other purposes. Also referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 7790	LaFalce	Similar to H.R. 78.
Pending	H.R. 7894	Lott	To provide loans to nursing homes to enable them to obtain fire protection equipment in order to comply with the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056)	H.R. 8057	McDade, et al	Similar to H.R. 5675.

Status	Bill No.	Sponsor	Subject
Hearings commenced	H.R. 8117	Smith of Iowa, et al	To make loans available for small businesses in the petroleum and petrochemical industries and to preserve and protect such small businesses; also referred to Interstate and Foreign Commerce.
Pending	H.R. 8524	Gude, Ottinger	To amend the Small Business Act to establish within SBA a new direct low-interest loan program to assist homeowners and builders in purchasing and installing solar heating (or combined solar heating and cooling) equipment; also referred to Banking, Currency and Housing Committee.
Pending	H.R. 8704	Gude, Ottinger, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 8524.
Pending	H.R. 8705	Gude, Ottinger, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 8524.
Pending	H.R. 8920	Gude, Ottinger, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 8524.
Passed House Oct. 6, 1975	H.R. 9056	Smith of Iowa, et al	To amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide additional assistance under such Acts, to create a pollution control financing program for small business, and for other purposes.
Completed	H.R. 9207	Downey	Similar to H.R. 894.
Substitute passed House (H.R. 9056).	H.R. 9208	Downey	Similar to H.R. 78.
Pending	H.R. 9209	Downey	Similar to H.R. 6339.
Substitute enacted as Public Law 94–190.	H.R. 9210	Downey	Similar to H.R. 3207.

Pending	H.R. 9215	Fascell	To provide for a program of financial assistance by the Secretary of Labor to small business concerns for the establishment of new jobs to be filled by unemployed individuals.
Pending	H.R. 9621	Gude, Ottinger, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 8524.
Pending	H.R. 9734	LaFalce	To amend the Small Business Act to provide that determinations by SBA of the reasonable assurance of repayment of prospective loans be made on a case-by-case basis and to clarify the eligibility of small business homebuilding firms for assistance under the Small Business Act.
Pending	H.R. 10351	LaFalce	To increase the maximum amount of SBA business loans under sec. 7(a) to $500,000.
Pending	H.R. 10628	Gude, Ottinger, et al.	Reintroduction of H.R. 8524.
Pending	H.R. 10633	LaFalce, et al	Reintroduction of H.R. 9734.
Pending	H.R. 11037	Lehman	Similar to H.R. 9734.

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Completed	H. Res. 491	Badillo, et al	To express the sense of the House of Representatives that it does not favor certain proposed amendments to the rules and regulations of the SBA pertaining to the imposition of maturity fees and other fees and charges for application preparation.
Completed	H. Res. 492	Badillo, et al	Reintroduction of H. Res. 491.
Completed	H. Res. 522	Badillo, et al	Reintroduction of H. Res. 491.

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Status	Bill No.	Sponsor	Subject
Hearings commenced	S. 1839	Passed the Senate June 4, 1975.	To increase the authorization for certain small business loan and guarantee programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House Dec. 17, 1975 (amended).	S. 2498	Passed the Senate Dec. 12, 1975.	To amend the SBA and SBIA regarding disaster loans, pollution control financing, small business investment companies, loan limits, loans for farmers, and creation of a National Commission on Small Business in America.

V. LEGISLATION BY TOPIC

A. Eligibility for SBA assistance

1. To include nonprofit organizations.
   H.R. 3482 by Roe.
   Status: Pending.
2. To include agribusiness.
   H.R. 3483 by Roe.
   H.R. 3799 by Patman.
   Status: October 6, 1975, H.R. 9056 (Title I) passed House in lieu.
3. To include dairy farmers under water pollution control equipment loans.
   H.R. 5675 by John L. Burton.
   H.R. 6160 by Burton et al (13).
   H.R. 6519 by Don L. Clausen.
   H.R. 6536 by Peyser.
   H.R. 8057 by McDade and McEwen.
   Status: October 6, 1975, H.R. 9056 (Title I) passed House in lieu.
4. To include food producers and all other small business regardless of nature.
   H.R. 5982 (Sec. 1) by Smith of Iowa.
   Status: October 6, 1975, H.R. 9056 (Title I) passed House in lieu.
5. To include food and fiber producers and other agricultural small businesses.
   H.R. 9056 (Title I) by Smith of Iowa et al (21).
   Status: Passed House by voice vote on 10/6/75.[1] Pending in Senate.
   Small Business Subcommittee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.[2]
6. To facilitate compliance with proposed Toxic Substances Control Act.
   H.R. 7548 (Sec. 23) by Brodhead.
   Status: Jointly referred to Small Business Committee and Commerce; this is one of three major bills requiring premarket testing of chemical substances. Both the Senate and House Commerce Committees have commenced hearings. The House Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance favorably reported to the full Committee H.R. 10318 which does not contain any provisions for SBA loans for compliance.[3]
7. To include homebuilders.
   H.R. 9734 by LaFalce.
   H.R. 10633 by LaFalce et al (23).
   H.R. 11037 by Lehman.
   Status: Pending.

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[1] Hearing record printed under title, "SBA Assistance for Agricultural Concerns and to Meet Pollution Standards." House Rept. 94–519.

[2] On 12/17/75 the House passed by voice vote S. 2498 after striking all after the enacting clause and substituting the language of H.R. 9056.

[3] Section 7(b)(5) of the Small Business Act authorizes loans to small businesses to meet requirements of any Federal law or regulation.

B. SBA loan authorizations and limitations

1. To increase the amount of a contract on which SBA may issue a surety bond to $5 million.

H.R. 6339 by Patterson of California.
H.R. 9209 by Downey.
Status: Pending.
Comment: Section 6(a)(3) of P.L. 93–386 increased the amount from $500 thousand to $1 million.

2. To increase miscellaneous authorizations and limitations.

S. 1839 Passed Senate.
Status: July 24, 1975, hearings commenced on overall review and rewrite of Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act. Additional hearings to be announced.
Comment: In the absence of a demonstrated need for an earlier increase for authorizations, the increase provided in this bill could be included in more comprehensive legislation.

C. SBA disaster assistance

1. To transfer natural disaster loan function for homeowners from SBA to HUD.

H.R. 2698 by McCollister.
Status: Pending.

2. To provide grants to displaced businesses for relocation assistance.

H.R. 2961 by Addabbo.
H.R. 3823 by Addabbo et al (24).
H.R. 3824 by Addabbo et al (9).
Status: Pending.
Comment: This bill would provide a grant up to $4 thousand to pay for the leasing up to four years or as a down payment on new property providing the small business has been displaced by a Federal or Federally assisted program. It would be in addition to other assistance presently available, such as Sec. 7(b)(3) of the Small Business Act which provides for a displaced business loan program and in addition to the payment of moving expenses, etc., provided in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

3. To modify natural disaster loan assistance.

H.R. 4061 by Clancy.
Status: Pending.
Comment: This bill would restore the $5 thousand forgiveness feature of SBA disaster loans and reduce the interest rate from current 6⅝ percent to one percent, retroactively on all loans approved since April 20, 1973.

4. To establish the interest rate for natural disaster loans in the Small Business Act.

H.R. 9056 (Title II) by Smith of Iowa et al (21).
Status: Passed House by voice vote on 10/6/75.[4] Pending in Senate Subcommittee on Small Business of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.[5]
Comment: The interest rate on SBA disaster loans is presently controlled by Sec. 324 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 USC 1922, 1941). This bill would use the same language

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[4] Hearing record printed under title, "SBA Assistance for Agricultural Concerns and to Meet Pollution Standards." H. Rept. 94–519.
[5] On 12/17/75 the House passed by voice vote S. 2498 after striking all after the enacting clause and substituting the language of H.R. 9056.

presently contained in the CRFDA as amended by P.L. 94–68 but would insert it into the Small Business Act, thus allowing it to be subsequently stricken at the appropriate time from the Consolidated Farm and Rural Developement Act.

D. Terms and amount of SBA loan assistance

1. To authorize a two year moratorium on SBA loan repayments.

H.R. 6463 by Mitchell of Maryland.
H.R. 6833 by Mitchell et al (12).
H.R. 7164 by Mitchell et al (4).
Status: Pending.

Comment: SBA currently has discretionary authority to approve or grant deferment of payments. During the first 3½ months of 1975 SBA granted 1175 such deferments and effected 42 reamortizations.

2. See also E (2).

3. To increase the maximum amount of SBA business loans under Sec. 7(a) to $500,000.

H.R. 10351 by LaFalce.
Status: Pending.

E. Federal Contracts

1. To provide emergency relief from fixed-price Government contracts.

H.R. 2879 by Fish.
H.R. 3207 by Corman.
H.R. 3886 by Roe.
H.R. 4544 by O'Brien and Flood.
H.R. 5541 by Smith of Iowa et al (11).
H.R. 9210 by Downey.
Status: H.R. 5541 was introduced and reported (H. Rept. 94–154) [6] in lieu of the other bills. On April 22, 1975, it passed the House by a vote of 402 to 0. Conference report passed House (H. Rept. 94–724) by voice vote and was approved by President on 12/31/75 (P.L. 94–190).

2. To authorize a three year moratorium for indebtedness to the Federal Government.

H.R. 6034 by Mink.
Status: Pending.

3. To authorize SBA to certify the eligibility of a small business for Federal contracts.

H.R. 6952 by Addabbo.
Status: Pending.

Comment: Under Sec. 8(b)(7) of the Small Business Act SBA may conclusively certify to Government contracting officials the competency as to capacity and credit, of small business concerns to receive and perform a specific Government contract. This bill would increase the authority by granting SBA certification authority over all elements of responsibility, including integrity, perseverance and tenacity, and eligibility under the Walsh-Healey Act which requires that Government contractors be either manufacturers or regular dealers of the articles of sale. Legislation

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[6] Hearing record printed under title, "Emergency Relief for Small Business from Fixed-Price Government Contracts."

along these lines was recommended by the Subcommittee on Government Procurement and International Trade in House Report 94-181.

F. Special categories of SBA loan assistance

1. To concerns suffering economic injury as a result of the energy shortage.

H.R. 894 by Price.
H.R. 1918 by Matsunaga.
H.R. 9207 by Downey.
Status: Completed.
Comment: P.L. 93–386 established an energy loan program as Sec. 7(b)(8) of the Small Business Act.

2. To concerns suffering economic injury as a result of public utility disruptions.

H.R. 4888 by Addabbo et al (20).
H.R. 6204 by Murphy of New York.
Status: H.R. 4888 was favorably reported (H. Rept. 94–288) [7] and passed by the House by voice vote on June 17, 1975.
Comment: H.R. 4888 was referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Companion legislation, S. 1547, was tabled by the Senate Subcommittee on Small Business of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on September 10.

3. To nursing homes to meet fire safety requirements.

H.R. 7894 by Lott.
Status: Pending.

4. To homeowners and builders for solar heating and cooling equipment.

H.R. 8524 by Gude and Ottinger.
H.R. 8704 by Gude and Ottinger et al (23).
H.R. 8705 by Gude and Ottinger et al (15).
H.R. 8920 by Gude and Ottinger et al (10).
H.R. 9621 by Gude and Ottinger et al (4).
H.R. 10628 by Gude and Ottinger et al (2).
Status: Pending.
Comment: Jointly referred to Small Business and Banking, Currency & Housing.

This bill would authorize $600 million to fund a proposed SBA program for loans to individuals and families owning and occupying one to four family residential structures, and to persons engaged in building of residential structures of any kind, for the purchase and installation of solar heating and cooling equipment. The loans would be up to 75% of the cost of the equipment and would range from a maximum of $6 thousand per dwelling unit for one to four family structures to $4,500 per dwelling unit for multifamily structures containing 200 or more units. They would bear interest at cost of money to the Government and have a maturity of eight years for a one to four family structure, except loans to builders would mature upon sale of the completed building.[8]

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[7] Hearing record printed under title, "SBA Loans for Small Businesses Suffering Economic Injury Due to Public Utilities Disruptions."
[8] Banking, Currency & Housing hearing record printed under title, "Low-Interest Loans for Residential Solar Heating and Cooling Equipment."

G. New SBA programs

1. Establishment of a lease guarantee program for pollution control equipment.

H.R. 78 by McFall.
H.R. 6120 by Roybal.
H.R. 7536 by McFall and Mrs. Fenwick.
H.R. 7790 by LaFalce.
H.R. 9056 (Title III) by Smith of Iowa et al (21).
H.R. 9208 by Downey.

Status: September 26, 1975, H.R. 9056 was favorably reported (H. Rept. 94–519).[9] Passed House by voice vote on 10/6/75. Pending in Senate Small Business Subcommittee of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.[10]

Comment: Title III of H.R. 9056 authorizes the Small Business Administration to guarantee payments under contracts for the use of pollution control equipment between a small business concern and any other person. The other person would probably be a state authority, or its designee, which would finance the construction and installation of the equipment by the issuance of industrial revenue bonds, the income on which is tax exempt to the investor under Sec. 103 of the Internal Revenue Code. The guarantee would then be assigned as security for payment of the bonds, probably enabling them to carry an AAA rating.

H. Protection and enhancement of small business

1. To prohibit certain anticompetitive activities by meat packers or meat marketers in controlling livestock prior to slaughter.

H.R. 5982 (Sections 2 to 8) by Smith of Iowa.

Status: Hearings commenced June 17, 1975; additional hearings to be announced.

Comment: Jointly referred to Small Business Committee and Agriculture.

2. To prohibit major petroleum refiners from engaging in anticompetitive behavior in the marketing of petroleum products.

H.R. 8117 by Smith of Iowa et al (3).

Status: Hearings commenced July 22, 1975; additional hearings to be announced.

3. To provide incentives to small business to hire unemployed individuals by providing partial wage reimbursement.

H.R. 9215 by Fascell.

Status: Pending.

I. Miscellaneous

1. To express disapproval of SBA proposal imposing fees and charging points on loans.

H. Res. 491 by Badillo et al (9).
H. Res. 492 by Badillo et al (1 new).
H. Res. 522 by Badillo et al (2).

Status: Completed.

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[9] Hearing record printed under title, "SBA Assistance for Agricultural Concerns and to Meet Pollution Standards."

[10] On 12/17/75 the House passed by voice vote S. 2498 after striking all after the enacting clause and substituting the language of H.R. 9056.

Comment: On June 10, 1975, Small Business Committee passed a Committee Resolution expressing its disapproval of the SBA proposal and notification of the Committee resolution was forwarded to SBA. The SBA subsequently decided not to proceed with the proposal.

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