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U.S. SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

John Tower, Chairman

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S. 1513: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1975

REPORTED: July 14 (legislative day, July 10), 1975, Public Works (Sen. Rept. 94-278)

PURPOSE: As reported would extend Appalachian Regional Development Act for 2 years until September 30, 1977. Authorizes \$267 million for health, education and other essential services. Highway program for Appalachia extended 3 years beyond present expiration date to September 30, 1981. Authorizes appropriations for highway program: FY 1978 -- \$250,000,000; FY 1979 -- \$300,000,000; FY 1980 -- \$300,000,000; and FY 1981 -- \$170,000,000. Extends Title V regional commissions' portion of Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 for 1 year beyond present expiration date to June 30, 1976. FY 1976 authorization: \$200 million; \$50 million for transition period to September 30, 1976; \$250 million for FY 1977. Establishes formula for apportioning funds among regional commissions. Gives statutory status to Title V regional commissions same as Appalachian Regional Commission.

ADDITIONAL VIEWS: Senators Domenici and Montoya. Work of regional commissions affected by energy problem so Committee has directed regional commissions to undertake planning, studies and energy-related demonstration projects. Concerned Committee may not have found proper vehicle to give adequate assistance to solve monumental problems. Concerned that Rocky Mountain Region's natural wealth be properly developed. Do not believe regional commissions can provide complete answer to energy production increases needed.

COST: Total for 2-year Regional Commission portion including administrative expenses, plus 3-year highway program: \$1,791,600,000.

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