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PROVIDING FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO AIR-POLLUTION CONTROL

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Mr. CHAVEZ, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 928]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (S. 928) to amend the Water Pollution Control Act in order to provide for the control of air pollution, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendments are indicated in the bill as reported by line type and italics. The title of the bill has been amended to conform to changes in language and to make clear the objectives of this measure.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL AS AMENDED

Within recent years it has become increasingly evident that the health, comfort, and well-being of our people in many parts of the country are affected by contamination of the atmosphere in which they live. There is acknowledged need to determine the causes of air pollution, the meteorological factors and chemical elements involved, the effects, and possible preventive measures.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, through the United States Public Health Service, to utilize the resources of the Federal Government and to cooperate with State and local governments and educational institutions in the preparation and execution of programs of research into the problem of air contamination. The bill will make possible technical and financial aid for joint efforts and provides for the collection and dissemination of information which would be valuable to local agencies striving to abate pollution of the atmosphere.