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Assembly Bills

Bill No:	**AB 84 (Woods)** ***Sponsor: California Rice Industry Association & Rice Producers Association***
Subject:	**State Contracts: Recycled Products Preferences**
Intro: 12/23/96 Amended: 6/24/97	Would require state agencies to give a price preference to products manufactured with rice straw, and would require the Department of General Services (DGS) to require persons with whom they contract to use, to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work, these products. Would require the CIWMB to implement a program, beginning July 1, 1998, for funding claims submitted by state agencies for providing price preferences required by these provisions, until the date the CIWMB has expended a total of $100,000 from the Integrated Waste Management Account.
Status:	Passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee (9-0) on 7/7/97; referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bill No:	**AB 107 (Ducheny)** ***Sponsor: Assembly Budget Committee***
Subject:	**1997-98 Budget**
Intro: 1/9/97 Amended: 5/28/97	Would make appropriations for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Urgency Measure.
Status:	Passed the Assembly Floor (42-33) on 5/30/97; passed the Senate Floor (28-10) on 6/5/97; referred back to the Assembly Floor for Concurrence of Amendments.

Bill No:	**AB 117 (Escutia)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject:	**Solid Waste: Demolition or Construction Debris**
Intro: 1/13/97 Amended: 7/3/97	Would prohibit, commencing April 1, 1999, the operation of a solid waste facility or operation, as defined by the CIWMB, that handles demolition or construction debris, except as authorized by the act and by tiered regulations that the CIWMB would be required to adopt. by October 1, 1998. The CIWMB regulations would be required to set state minimum standards for the operation of solid waste facilities and operations that handle demolition or construction debris. The bill would exclude surface mining operations, provided those surface mining operations do not use construction or demolition debris that have been imported to replace material removed during operations.
Status:	Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 170 (Papan)** ***Sponsor: Citicorp***
Subject: **Claims Against the State**
Intro: 1/28/97
Amended: 7/1/97
Would specify that interest penalty fee provisions in contracts may not be waived, altered, or limited by a State agency or the person or business contracting with the State agency. Would require that in order to avoid late payment penalties State agencies shall pay promptly submitted, undisputed invoices within 45 days and would specify procedures and exclusions relating to that requirement (this section will become operative only if SB 1132 is enacted).
Status: Passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on 7/7/97; referred to the Senate Floor for vote.

Bill No: **AB 175 (Torlakson)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Quality: Development Projects: Public Infrastructure Projects**
Intro: 1/28/97
Amended: 6/2/97
Among other things, would require a responsible agency or a public agency having jurisdiction over natural resources affected by a development project t provide expedited review, as specified, of any draft environmental impact report for a public infrastructure project.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 179 (Bowen)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Records**
Intro: 1/30/97
Amended: 7/1/97
Would provide that public records that are in an electronic format shall, unless prohibited by law, be made available in any electronic format in which it holds the information when requested by a member of the public and that direct costs of duplicating public records shall include the costs associated with duplicating electronic records. Would prohibit public access to Department of Motor Vehicles records.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 7/8/97.

Bill No: **AB 206 (Hertzberg)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Citizen Complaint Act of 1997**
Intro: 2/4/97
Amended: 6/2/97
Among other things, would require each State agency, including the California State University, to make available on its Internet web site, on or before July 1, 1998, or within 6 months of the establishment of such a site, whichever is later, a form in plain language through which residents of the State can register complaints relating to the performance of a State agency.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on7/8/97.

Bill No: **AB 228 (Midgen)** ***Sponsor: Californians Against Waste***
Subject: **Newsprint: Recycled Content: State Agencies**
Intro: 2/5/97
Amended: 3/31/97
Would include the Office of State Printing (OSP) in the Department of General Services (DGS) and any other State agency determined by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to conduct any printing or publishing operation within the definition of "consumer of newsprint," for purposes of the recycled-content newsprint program administered by the CIWMB. Additionally the bill would include legislative intent that all State agencies, including the OSP, are subject to the recycled-content newsprint requirements and should do everything possible to achieve and exceed those requirements.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 4/2/97; hearing put over.

Bill No: **AB 306 (Kaloogian)** ***Sponsor: Intelligen, Inc.***
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: 2/14/97 — Would include microcogeneration as one of the described changes in usage for the uneconomic costs applied to each customer based on the amount of electricity purchased by the customer from an electrical corporation or alternate supplier of electricity, subject to changes in usage occurring in the normal course of business.
Status: Referred to Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Bill No. **AB 362 (Bowen)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Advertising**
Intro: 2/19/97 Amended: 5/22/97 — Would make it unlawful for a person to represent that a consumer good, as defined, which it manufactures or distributes, is ozone friendly, biodegradable, or meets specified marketing claims, unless the article meets certain definitions or requirements, as specified, established in the trade rules adopted by the Federal Trade Commission. Bill would become operative on July 1, 1998.
Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/7/97; reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/21/97; reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee (6-8) on 5/28/97; reconsideration granted.

Bill No: **AB 375 (Firestone)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Solid Waste: Tires: Tire Wholesalers: Tire Recovery Programs**
Intro: 2/19/97 Amended: 5/27/97 — Would require an amount equal to 50 cents to be paid by each tire wholesaler for every new tire that is sold, used, or transferred in California; and would establish a tire recycling reimbursement program until June 30, 2002. Would require all State agencies to give a purchase preference to asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber, and would prescribe minimum combined State agency utilization requirements for asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber. Would require the CIWMB, as part of its annual budget request, to allocate funds requested for grants, loans, and contracts under the tire recycling program.
Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor (20-41) on 6/2/97; author granted reconsideration; sent to the Assembly Floor Inactive File.

Bill No: **AB 376 (Baca)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Contracts**
Intro: 2/19/97 Amended: 5/5/97 — Would require contracts for engineering, architectural, landscaped architectural, surveying, environmental, or engineering geology services that exceed $50,000, and contract amendments that exceed $50,000, adjusted annually, awarded by the State of California or any State agency be awarded through a publicized competitive bidding process to the lowest qualified bidder.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Transportation Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: **AB 475 (Pringle)** ***Sponsor: California Chamber of Commerce***
Subject: **Office of Permit Assistance: Reports**
Intro: 2/24/97 Amended: 6/2/97 — Among other things, would require, commencing with calendar year 1999, Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency and the State Board of Equalization to submit to the Office of Permit Assistance an annual report of the total dollar amount of fees or charges collected or assessed by each of those agencies and subdivisions thereof.
Status: Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Bill No: **AB 529 (Baldwin)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Funds**
Intro: 2/24/97
Amended: 5/5/97
Status:

Would provide that specified Budget Act revenues shall be deposited in the General Fund and not be expended unless the Legislature authorizes that expenditure in the Budget Act or in other legislation for the performance of special audits and investigations by the State Auditor.

Failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee (4-5) on 6/17/97; reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization (2-3) on 7/1/97.

Bill No: **AB 705 (Strom-Martin)** ***Sponsor: Californians Against Waste***
Subject: **State and Local Recycling**
Intro: 2/26/97
Amended: 6/4/97

Would require, by January 1, 1999, State government agencies to develop an integrated waste management program similar to those required to be adopted by local government agencies. It would also include building and construction materials, outdoor furniture, and landscaping materials within the definition of recycled products for purposes of procurement requirements by the Legislature and State agencies, and contractor certification of materials for State jobs. In addition, it would also reenact provisions of law, until January 1, 2001, which required all State agencies to purchase certain recycled products if they meet quality and cost considerations.

Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar. Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: **AB 733 (Washington)** ***Sponsor: California State Bar***
Subject: **Hazardous Materials: Hazardous and Solid Waste: Public Education**
Intro: 2/26/97

Would require the Director of Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to develop for grades K-8 a public education program, providing curricula on hazardous materials and hazardous and solid waste facilities, and a statewide public education campaign to meet those objectives.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 4/15/97; hearing put over.

Bill No: **AB 775 (Martinez)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Agencies: State and Local Funds**
Intro: 2/26/97
Amended: 4/16/97

Among other things, would require a public agency, upon a court determination that it knowingly violated a State law or local ordinance relating to sexual discrimination, to return any State or local funds that it has received but not yet expended and would provide that the public agency is ineligible to receive additional State or local funds until it is in compliance with the State law or local ordinance.

Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Development Committee (3-0) on 4/22/97; author granted reconsideration.

Bill No: **AB 847 (Wayne)** ***Sponsor: Appliance Recycling Centers of America***
Subject: **Discarded Major Appliances: Materials Requiring Special Handling: Hazardous Waste**
Intro: 2/27/97
Amended: 6/2/97
Would revise the definition of materials that require special handling, and provide that any person who removes from a major appliance any material that requires special handling that is a hazardous waste is a hazardous waste generator. Would require that person to comply with provisions regulating hazardous waste generators and with the hazardous waste control laws.. Additionally would require the DTSC to transmit a copy of the Appliance Recycling Guide, published by the CIWMB, and any other materials determined to be necessary to ensure compliance with the bill, to specified persons and agencies.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 964 (Bowen)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Solid Waste Landfills: Alternative Daily Cover**
Intro: 2/27/98
Amended: 4/16/97
Would require any local agency using green waste as alternative daily cover to meet its source reduction goals to also have in place a green waste collection, composting, or marketing program that makes the material available to residential, commercial, and government users. Would require the CIWMB, when reviewing a source reduction and recycling element, to make an affirmative finding as to whether the local agency relies on the use of alternative daily cover to meet its source reduction goals and to include this information in its annual progress report to the Legislature.
Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (6-7) on 4/14/97; reconsideration granted; set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 4/21/97; failed passage (6-7); held in Committee.

Bill No: **AB 968 (Knox)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Air Pollution: Fine Particles: Monitoring Program**
Intro: 2/27/97
Amended: 6/30/97
Would require the ARB to conduct an expanded and revised program of monitoring airborne fine particles smaller than 2.5 microns, in diameter (PM 2.5) and report annually by January 1 to the Legislature on the status and results of the program.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 1055 (Villaraigosa)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Playground Facilities: Safety: Recycled Materials**
Intro: 2/27/97
Amended: 6/24/97
Among other things, would enact the Safe Playground Facilities and Recycled Materials Act of 1997, which would establish the safe playground facilities and recycled materials grant program, administered by the Department of Health Services, to provide grants to public agencies, if specified conditions are met, including the use of recycled materials in playground facilities, as specified, to upgrade, repair, refurbish, install, or replace public playground facilities. Urgency Measure.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 7/9/97.

Bill No: **AB 1097 (Brown)** ***Sponsor: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee***
Subject: **Open Meetings**
Intro: 2/27/97
Would delete the repeal date of the law that authorizes a State body to hold an open or closed meeting by teleconference.
Status: Enrolled on 6/26/97; in the Governor's Office.

Bill No: **AB 1111 (Martinez)** ***Sponsor: Author.***
Subject: **Bid Announcements: Criteria and Specifications**
Intro: 2/27/97 — Would required a public entity, in awarding a contract pursuant to a public bidding process, to accept the lowest responsible bid that most closely follows the criteria or specifications, or both, contained within the announcement for bids, or reject all bids and initiate a new announcement, containing new criteria or specifications, or both, and a new bidding process.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Development Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1157 (Wayne)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Hazardous Waste: Variance**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would require the DTSC to issue a public notice not less than 30 days immediately preceding the date of the proposed granting a hazardous waste variance, unless the issuance of the variance is immediately required to protect human health or the environment.
Amended: 6/12/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 1170 (Kaloogian)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Regulatory Agencies Created by Statutes: Review**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would require the Bureau of State Audits to conduct a performance audit of each State regulatory agency, with specified exceptions.
Amended: 5/1/97
Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1179 (Woods)** ***Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance***
Subject: **Watershed Rehabilitation and Restoration: Statewide Plan**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Among other things, would require the Department of Forestry, in consultation with relevant Federal, State, and local agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Fish and Game, the State Water Resources Control Board and the biomass power industry, to develop a strategic statewide plan to promote the rehabilitation and restoration of significant State watersheds.
Amended: 5/5/97
Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.

Bill No: **AB 1195 (Torlakson)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Hazardous Substances: Liability**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would require a statement of the reasons for allocating responsibility to each respective potentially responsible party, and an analysis of that allocation, including, but not limited to, specified factors pertaining to the amount of hazardous substance for which the potentially responsible party may be responsible, the degree of the toxicity of the hazardous substance, the degree of involvement of the potential responsible party, and the potentially responsible party's degree of care and cooperation with government officials.
Amended: 4/21/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: **AB 1273 (Woods)** ***Sponsor: CIWMB***
Subject: **Solid Waste Management**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would make a number of technical, definitional, and code clean-up provisions regarding solid waste management.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1383 (Aroner)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Private Activity Bonds**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 4/21/97
Would require the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to allocate at least 85 percent of the State's ceiling on private activity bonds to housing bonds and not more than 10 percent of the State's ceiling to exempt facility bonds. Would authorize the Committee to reallocate unused portions of the housing bond allocation to other bonds, including exempt facility bonds.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee on 5/12/97; taken off Calendar. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **AB 1393 (Alquist)** ***Sponsor: State Controller's Office***
Subject: **State and Local Government: Performance Audits**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/1/97
Would require each State agency to complete a performance audit within two years of the effective date of the bill.
Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.

Bill No: **AB 1409 (Baugh)** ***Sponsor: Caltrans***
Subject: **Governmental Tort Liability**
Intro: 2/28/97
Would revise the definition of dangerous condition for the purposes of governmental tort liability to apply to a condition of property that creates substantial risk of injury when that property or adjacent property is used with due care by all persons necessary for that risk of injury to occur and in a manner in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be used.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on 5/14/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 1497 (Brown)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Agencies: Performance**
Intro: 2/28/97
Would extend the date of a specified plan, devised by the Department of Finance (DOF), for conducting performance reviews in conjunction with State agencies, departments, offices, and commissions, to March 1, 1998.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Development Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1512 (Shelley)** ***Sponsor: Californians Against Waste***
Subject: **Beverage Containers: Recycling: Beverages**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/5/97
Would require the Department of Conservation (DOC) to deposit specified revenue received resulting from the inclusion of new defined beverages into the continuously appropriated California Beverage Container Recycling Fund.
Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (7-4) on 4/21/97; referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1513 (Cardoza)** ***Sponsor: Thermo-Eco-Teck***
Subject: **Income and Bank and Corporation Taxes: Credit: Agricultural Prunings**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/1/97
Would provide a specified tax credit in an amount equal to $30 per ton of agricultural prunings that are delivered without charge to a biomass conversion facility. This credit would not apply to commercial timber harvesting.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee on 7/2/97; hearing canceled at the request of the author.

Senate Bills

Bill No: **SB 2 (Thompson)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Parks and Resources Improvement: Bond Act**
Intro: Amended: 5/1/97
Would enact the Parks and Resources Improvement Bond Act of 1998, which would be submitted to voters at the General Election on November 3, 1998. The bill would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $495,500,000 for the purpose of financing a program for the rehabilitation and enhancement of park, recreation, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake riparian, reservoir, delta, river, and coastal resources. The bill would express legislative intent that every State and local government agency who is a recipient of funds from the bonds give full consideration to the use of recycled and reusable products whenever possible in carrying out the activities enumerated in the bill.
Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 4/7/97; held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/29/97.

Bill No: **SB 58 (Ayala)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Agencies Legislation**
Intro: 12/6/96
Would require every State agency that may be significantly affected by a bill to prepare an analysis of the bill and deliver that analysis to the bill's author and each policy committee set to hear that bill no later than seven calendar days prior to the first hearing in that committee.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 74 (Kopp)** ***Sponsor: California Newspaper Publishers Association***
Subject: **Records**
Intro: 12/12/96 Amended: 6/5/97
Would provide for public inspection of public records and copying all forms. SB 74 would further require public agencies to ensure that systems used to collect and hold public records be designed to ensure ease of public access. In the event that an agency decides to withhold a record, or if the withholding is based on the "public interest "as defined, SB 74 would require the agency to state the public interest in disclosure and public interest in nondisclosure.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee on 7/14/97.

Bill No: **SB 90 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Energy Resources: Renewable Energy Resources: Funding**
Intro: 12/18/96 Amended: 6/3/97
Would state the intention of the Legislature to appropriate, in the Budget Act, a sum of $540 million of the funds received by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, from the Energy Resources Program Account in the General Fund, to be used until January 1,2002, for projects designed to promote the development of renewable resources technologies and for administrative costs incurred by the commission in connection with those projects not exceeding 5% of the total amount of those funds received by the commission.. This bill becomes operative only if SB 116 is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 1998.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on 7/14/97.

Bill No: **SB 95 (Ayala)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Open Meetings**
Intro: 12/19/96
Amended: 5/8/97
Among other things, would authorize State bodies to use teleconferencing to conduct any meeting or other proceeding authorized by law until 1/1/2001; and would include provisions relating to taping meetings, meeting agendas and notices, accessibility to disabled persons, etc.
Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (12-0) on 7/7/97; referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Bill No: **SB 105 (Ayala)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Water Quality: Notification**
Intro: 12/24/96
Amended: 6/19/97
Would require the Office of Emergency Services to notify the local health officer and administrator of environmental health of any hazardous substance or sewage discharged into the waters of California. Would require the local health officials to notify the public of the discharge. Incorporates additional changes in Water Code § 13271 as proposed by AB 541, to be operative only if this bill and AB 541 and this bill is enacted last..
Status: Passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee (21-0) on 7/2/97; referred to the Assembly Floor for vote.

Bill No: **SB 130 (Thompson)** ***Sponsor: Senate Budget Committee***
Subject: **1997-98 Budget**
Intro: 1/9/97
Amended: 5/28/97
Would make an appropriation for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Budget Committee.

Bill No: **SB 179 (Hughes)** ***Sponsor: Glass Packaging Institute***
Subject: **Processing Fees**
Intro: 1/22/97
Amended: 5/14/97
Would make nonsubstantive technical changes in California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act provisions relating to imposition of the processing fee that is effective until January 1, 1999.
Status: Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee.

Bill No: **SB 209 (Kopp)** ***Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission***
Subject: **Judicial Review: Governmental Agency Actions**
Intro: 1/28/97
Amended: 4/16/97
Would repeal and add provisions relating to governing judicial review of decisions of State agencies, local agencies, public corporations, and specified nongovernmental entities (hospital boards, etc.).
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/22/97; held in committee.

Bill No: **SB 216 (Brulte)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: 1/29/97
Amended: 5/20/97
Would make technical changes in provisions relating to the restructuring of the electrical services industry.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on 7/14/97.

Bill No: **SB 252 (Kelley)** ***Sponsor: Regional Council of Rural Counties***
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: 2/4/97
Amended: 7/1/97
Would require the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to submit a report to the Regional Council of Rural Counties, and to the Chairs of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee and the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee, by September 1, 1998, on recommendations for legislation relating to aggregation of electrical purchases by small rural counties. Urgency Measure.
Status: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on 7/7/97; referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 261 (Kopp)** ***Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission***
Subject: **Judicial Review: Government Agency Actions**
Intro: 2/5/97
Amended: 4/2/97
Would make judicial review of specified State agency and local agency actions subject to the provisions being added by SB 209 (becomes operative only if SB 209 is enacted into law).
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/22/97; held in committee.

Bill No: **SB 320 (Senate Housing and Land Use Committee)** ***Sponsor: Committee***
Subject: **Housing and Land Use Omnibus Act of 1997**
Intro: 2/11/97
Amended: 7/3/97
Would combine several minor statutory changes relating to housing, land use, and related topics into a single measure. Would include legislative intent regarding straw-bale guidelines.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on 7/16/97.

Bill No: **SB 412 (Peace)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Contracts: Conflict of Interest**
Intro: 2/18/97
Amended: 5/5/97
Would declare the provisions of the State Contract Act relating to conflict of interest by specified individuals or entities shall be expanded to encompass those that bid on or are awarded electronic data processing and telecommunications goods and services contracts.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/19/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 423 (Hurtt)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Audit Reports: Privilege: Voluntary**
Intro: 2/18/97
Would enact the Environmental Audit Privilege and Voluntary Noncompliance Disclosure Act of 1997.
Status: Failed passage before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee (3-6) on 4/21/97; author granted reconsideration.

Bill No: **SB 424 (Hurtt)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Quality**
Intro: 2/18/97
Would require an environmental impact report only on projects that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No. **SB 436 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Solid Waste: Beverage Containers**
Intro: 2/18/97 Would require the CIWMB, in consultation with the Department of Conservation (DOC), to submit to the Legislature a report identifying any duplication or overlap between CIWMB and DOC programs pertaining to public information and education, local government review and assistance, and recycled materials market development. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 451 (Watson)** ***Sponsor: California State Bar***
Subject: **Land Use: General Plans: Environmental Equity**
Intro: 2/19/97 Amended: 6/30/97 Would require the land use element designate the distribution, location, and extent of land use, as well as to provide for the equitable distribution of facilities for the transfer, storage, and disposal of solid, hazardous, and liquid wastes that avoid disproportionate impacts against low-income communities as well as racial and ethnic minorities or overconcentration in any one residential community, including community groups, and including environmental and environmental justice groups, in the early planning stages.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Local Government Committee on 7/16/97.

Bill No: **SB 458 (Peace)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Agencies: Mail: Disclosure of Personal Information**
Intro: 7/1/97 Would prohibit a State agency, including the California State University, from sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains personal information about the individual unless the personal information is contained within sealed correspondence.
Status: Passed the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Development Committee (12-0) on 6/24/97; referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 504 (Johnston)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Administrative Law: Written Communication**
Intro: 2/20/97 Amended: 6/16/97 Would require that any person submitting a written communication to a State agency in a quasi-judicial proceeding that is directly paid for by anyone other than the person submitting the written communication, clearly indicate any person who is paid to produce the written communication.
Status: Passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee (21-0) on 7/2/97; referred to the Assembly Floor for vote.

Bill No: **SB 598 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Audits**
Intro: 2/24/97 Amended: 4/9/97 Would define the term "environmental audit" and would make related legislative findings and declarations.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 647 (Brulte)** ***Sponsor: California Manufacturers Association***
Subject: **Environmental Requirements**
Intro: 2/25/96 Would prohibit the assessment of any civil or administrative sanctions against any person who fully discloses a minor violation of an environmental requirement to the regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the matter.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; hearing put over. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SB 660 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Hazardous Waste Management: Fees**
Intro: 2/25/96
Amended: 4/24/97
Would enact the Environmental Cleanup and Reform Act of 1997 and make legislative findings and declarations concerning the State's hazardous waste management program and existing fee and funding mechanisms. Among other things, the bill would delete the registration fee for hazardous waste transporters and for hazardous waste facilities applications and would revise the fee imposed for variance applications and permit modifications.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No; **SB 675 (Costa)** ***Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries***
Subject: **Air Pollution: Odors**
Intro: 2/25/97
Amended: 7/7/97
Would provide, until four years from the effective date of this bill, that local enforcement agencies (LEAs) would be the sole enforcement bodies to regulate compost facilities odors. Would require LEAs to inspect any composter after receiving a complaint from an air pollution control district. Additionally, would require the CIWMB to convene a working group by April 1, 1998; and, in consultation with the working group, to assist in actions necessary to ensure that LEAs respond in a timely fashion to complaints over odors emanating from composting facilities. Provisions of this bill will be repealed as of January 1, 2002. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 681 (O'Connell)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Beverage Containers: Processing Fees: Handling Fees**
Intro: 2/25/96
Would, as of January 1, 2004, repeal the requirements for the DOC to establish a commingled rate, and would extend the existing procedures for calculating processing fees until January 1, 2004.
Status: Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee

Bill No: **SB 698 (Rainey)** ***Sponsor: First Brands***
Subject: **Plastic Trash Bags**
Intro: 2/25/96
Amended: 6/23/97
Would, until January 1, 2001, require every manufacturer that manufactures plastic trash bags of 0.75 mil or greater thickness, sold in California during specified calendar years to make prescribed calculations pertaining to the total weight of plastic trash bags sold in California, to determine the recycled postconsumer material factor for the manufacturer for the next calendar year and to certify to the CIWMB that it used the prescribed amount. Would require the CIWMB, for every pound of postconsumer material purchased from a source of postconsumer material for use in the manufacture of plastic trash bags, to credit the manufacturer so certifying with having used 1.2 pounds of postconsumer material toward compliance with the certification requirements. Would require the CIWMB to submit a report to the Legislature by April 1, 2000, on, among other things, recommendations regarding recycled plastic postconsumer material content requirements based on the availability of that material.
Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 7/7/97; author granted reconsideration.

Bill No: **SB 715 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Quality**
Intro: 2/25/96
Amended: 5/27/97
Among other things, would require that criteria included in guidelines prepared by the Office of Planning and Research for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be submitted to State agencies for review and comment.
Status: Double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Televising the Assembly Committee.

Bill No: **SB 774 (Johannessen)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Restoration of Land: Disasters: CEQA Exemption**
Intro: 2/26/97
Would provide that land and any appurtenant structures, as defined, in need of repairs due to any natural or manmade disaster or an emergency are exempt from CEQA.
Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Bill No: **SB 878 (Karnette)** ***Sponsor: City of Lakewood***
Subject: **Solid Waste; Diversion Requirements: Waste to Energy**
Intro: 2/26/97
Would authorize a city, county, or regional agency to submit to the CIWMB a revised source reduction and recycling element that includes diversion waste credit through waste to energy to be applied toward specified diversion requirements.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental 4/21/97; taken off Calendar. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SB 906 (Lee)** ***Sponsor: Black Lawyers of the State Bar***
Subject: **Hazardous Waste Management Plans**
Intro: 2/27/97
Amended: 4/3/97
Among other things, would require the county plan to include an analysis of the expected rates of hazardous waste production until 1999, and would additionally require the county plan to include specified information regarding the demographics of the community within a 10-mile radius of each hazardous waste stream and facility, and the consideration of specified environmental equity goals.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 988 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Solid Waste Management**
Intro: 2/27/97
Would repeal the Used Oil Recycling Act and the Used Oil Collection Demonstration Grant Program Act of 1990 administered by the CIWMB and would enact certain provisions of the Used Oil Recycling Act as part of the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1000 (Rosenthal)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Future California Act of 1998**
Intro: 2/27/97
Amended: 4/23/97
Would, among other things, establish the Future California Act of 1998, a venue to examine the State's future in its many dimensions, including demography, industry, environment, policy, international relations and development.
Status: Sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/19/97; held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/29/97.

Bill No: **SB 1018 (Leslie)** ***Sponsor: California Cattlemen's Association***
Subject: **Private Property: Illegal Dumping**
Intro: 2/27/97 Would provide that in any case involving illegal dumping or littering of waste material on private property located adjacent to a public road, without the consent of the private property owner, the private property owner shall neither be liable or have the duty to provide for such cleanup.
Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SB 1034 (Maddy)** ***Sponsor: Bioclean Industries***
Subject: **Medical Waste: Trauma Scene Waste Management**
Intro: 2/27/97 Amended: 5/23/97 Would enact the Trauma Scene Waste Management Act, as part of the Medical Waste Management Act, to specially provide for the management of trauma scene waste. Would make the Department of Health Services the sole enforcement agency. Among other things, would allow trauma scene waste to be transported by a trauma scene waste management practitioner.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: **SB 1047 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Protection: Regulatory Implementation**
Intro: 2/27/97 Would enact the California Environmental Protection Agency Regulatory Implementation Act of 1997 without substantive provisions. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1066 (Sher)** ***Sponsors: City of San Jose, League of California Cities and Californians Against Waste***
Subject: **Solid Waste: Market Development**
Intro: 2/27/97 Amended: 5/5/97 Would, among other things, authorize one or more single or multiyear time extensions from the diversion requirements if the city, county, or regional agency makes specified demonstrations to the CIWMB. Additionally, would authorize a city, county, or regional agency if it determines that it is unable to meet the diversion requirements due to impacts of solid waste generated by other local, State or Federal agencies and the lack of efforts by those agencies to reduce the amount of solid waste disposed, to adjust the base amount of solid waste from which diversion requirements are calculated to remove the amount of solid waste generated by those local, State, or Federal agencies if specified conditions are met.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1093 (Rainey)** ***Sponsor: Governance Consensus Project***
Subject: **State Budget: Performance Measures**
Intro: 2/28/97 Would declare that the State budget shall focus on the results of government services at the State and local levels, that State and local government officials are required to respect existing program evaluation requirements and program performance measures, and the outcome measures are to be realistic and commensurate with the revenue levels for each program. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1113 (Solis)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Environmental Quality: Minority and Low-Income Populations**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/29/97
Among other things, would require, by January 1, 2000, the Office of Planning and Research to recommend proposed changes in, and the Secretary of the Resources Agency to certify and adopt revisions to, the CEQA guidelines to provide for the identification and mitigation by public agencies of disproportionately high and adverse environmental effects of projects on minority populations and low-income populations. Projects and public agencies in a frontier county would be exempted from these revisions.
Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (7-4) on 6/30/97; referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1114 (Solis)** ***Sponsor: Unknown***
Subject: **Land Use: Development Permits**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 4/2/97
Would require the Office of Permit Assistance (OPA), in the Trade and Commerce Agency (TCA), to provide information to State and local agencies, as well as to applicants for development projects, to assist them in meeting the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Status: Passed the Senate Appropriations Committee (7-4) on 5/12/97; referred to the Senate Floor for vote; sent to the Senate Floor Inactive File on 5/22/97.

Bill No: **SB 1117 (Hayden)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Judicial Review: Public Utilities**
Intro: 2/28/97
Would express the intent of the Legislature that judicial reviews of decisions by State agencies, including the Public Utilities Commission, relating to CEQA, conform to the provisions of that act.
Status: Referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1132 (Polanco)** ***Sponsor: Department of General Services***
Subject: **Public Acquisitions**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 4/8/97
Would repeal the law that provides for a comprehensive scheme for State procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, and services and establish in its place the California Acquisition Reform Act of 1997. Urgency Measure.
Status: Held in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 4/15/97; reconsideration granted for 4/22/97; held in Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1157 (Maddy)** ***Sponsor: Department of Conservation***
Subject: **Beverage Containers: Nonprofit Dropoff Programs: Market-Based Recycling**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 4/17/97
Would, as of January 1, 1999, repeal the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act and enact the California Market-Based Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. Would delete the definition of "nonprofit dropoff program" from the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife on 4/22/97; hearing put over.

Bill No: **SB 1175 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Oil Recycling**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/20/97
Would require the purchaser of lubricating oil that is exempt from the $.16 per gallon amount to give the seller of that oil an exemption certificate declaring that the oil is intended for use in a manner that makes the oil exempt from the fee.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1179 (Polanco)** ***Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries***
Subject: **Solid Waste Enterprise: Diversion Penalty**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 7/7/97
Would prohibit local governments from including a provision in permits to require solid waste enterprises to pay a penalty for failure to meet solid waste diversion mandates. Would authorize local governments to include such a provision in contracts and franchises, provided the penalty is the result of the solid waste enterprise's breach of an express obligation, the local government has petitioned the CIWMB for an alternative diversion requirement, and the local government has fully paid any fine imposed by the CIWMB for failure to implement a source reduction and recycling program.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 6/30/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 1196 (Leslie)** ***Sponsor: Alpine County***
Subject: **Solid Waste Management: Plan: Countywide Siting Element**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/13/97
Would, until January 1, 2001, exempt from the requirement for a countywide siting element and those plan content requirements, counties that do not have an incorporated city within their boundaries, meet or exceed applicable diversion requirements, export all waste out of the county, and generate less than 20 tons of waste daily.
Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 7/7/97; referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1216 (Costa)** ***Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance***
Subject: **Biomass Energy**
Intro: 2/28/97
Amended: 5/28/97
Would make a statement of legislative intent relating to financial assistance to the biomass power industry.
Status: Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (6-0) on 5/21/97; referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1273 (Hurtt)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **State Agencies: Electronic Mail**
Intro: 2/28/97
Would provide that any requirement that a State agency send material, information or other specified correspondence through the United States mail shall be deemed to include the authority for the State agency to send those materials by electronic mail upon the request of the recipient.
Status: Double-referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Committee and the Assembly Televising the Assembly Committee; set to be heard before the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Committee on 7/8/97

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Bill No: **SB 1304 (O'Connell)** ***Sponsor: State Controller's Office***
Subject: **State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would establish a task force during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 fiscal years to develop a program of training and education to facilitate zero-based budgeting for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.
Status: Double-referred to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee; set to be heard before the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar; set to be heard before the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee on 7/14/97

Bill No: **SB 1305 (Sher)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Utilities**
Intro: 2/28/97 Amended: 5/5/97 — Among other things, would establish a program under which entities offering electric services disclose accurate, reliable, and simple to understand information on the generation attributes of the electricity that they propose to sell.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1330 (Lockyer)** ***Sponsor: Cattlemen's Association***
Subject: **Solid Waste: Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement: Grant Program**
Intro: 2/28/97 Amended: 7/7/97 — Would require the CIWMB to establish, on or before January 1, 1999, a grant program for local agencies and private property owners for purposes of cleaning up and abating the effects of solid waste that is illegally deposited on farm or ranch property.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1341 (Costa)** ***Sponsor: Author.***
Subject: **Solid Waste: Local Enforcement Agencies: Appeals**
Intro: 2/28/97 — Would establish an enforcement program administered by local enforcement agencies certified by the CIWMB.
Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SCA 13 (O'Connell)** ***Sponsor: State Controller's Office***
Subject: **State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting**
Intro: 3/17/97 — Would amend the California Constitution to require each State agency, department, or other entity, in submitting a zero-based budget request, to submit that request as formulated by directing each of the agency's budgetary units to identify each of the unit's activities, specify the legal authority for conducting that activity, and itemize the budgetary requirements for conducting that activity.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee on 7/7/97; taken off Calendar; set to be heard before the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee on 7/14/97.

Bill No: **SCR 15 (Peace)** ***Sponsor: Author***
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring: Public Utilities**
Intro: 2/5/97 Amended: 2/20/97 — Would create the Joint Oversight Committee on Electricity and Reform to oversee the implementation of AB 1890, SB 960, and SB 1322.
Status: Passed the Senate Floor (35-0) on 2/27/97; referred to Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

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HR 277 (Schumer, D-NY)
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Would increase penalties and strengthen enforcement of environmental crimes.
Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Judiciary, Commerce, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Resources.

HR 316 (Solomon, R-NY)
Hazardous Waste Recycling Tax Credit Act of 1997
Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable income tax credit for the recycling of hazardous waste.
Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 360 (Towns, D-NY)
Waste Export and Import Prohibition Act
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the international export and import of certain solid waste.
Status: Introduced on January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 688 (Schaefer, Dan, R-CO)
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act.
Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Commerce and House Committee on Ways and Means; cleared for full committee by Finance and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee (by voice vote) on 3/20/97; passed the Floor of the House by voice vote on 4/23/97; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HR 712 (Delauro, D-CT)
National Infrastructure Development Act of 1997
Would facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects, including solid waste facilities, and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Corporation.
Status: Introduced on February 12, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 843 (Ford, D-TN)
Location of Hazardous Waste Near Certain Properties, Prohibition
Would prohibit the location of solid and hazardous waste facilities near residential, day care, church, and school properties.
Status: Introduced on February 26, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 873 (Greenwood, R-PA)
Land Recycling Act of 1997
Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to limit Federal authority for response action for release subject to State voluntary response program, to provide protection for prospective purchasers of land, and for innocent landowners.
Status: Introduced on February 27, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 942 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)
Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997; Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste.
Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 943 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)
Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to control the movement of municipal solid waste to waste management facilities within the boundaries of the State or within the boundaries of political subdivisions of the State.
Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 996 (Weller, R-IL)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment
Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to finance environmental remediation of contaminated sites.
Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 997 (Weller, R-IL)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment
Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow expensing and rapid amortization of certain environmental remediation expenditures.
Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1041 (Kennedy, Patrick, D-RI)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment (Tires)
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide grants to States to stabilize and remove large tire piles that are near drink water sources and sensitive populations.
Status: Introduced on March 12, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1120 (Dingell, D-MI)
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment
Would assist local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to encourage State voluntary response programs for remediating such sites, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on March 19, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Commerce and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1158 (Frelinghuysen, R-NJ)
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment
Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to restrict the liability under that act of local educational agencies for the amount and toxicity of solid waste generated those agencies.
Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Commerce and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1199 (Souder, R-IN)
Protection from Irresponsibly Sited Hazardous Waste Facilities, Provision
Would protect residents and localities from irresponsibly sited hazardous waste facilities.
Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1206 (Visclosky, D-IN)
Program of Voluntary Environmental Cleanups by States, Requirement
Would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs for low and medium priority sites to protect human health and the environment and promote economic development.
Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Commerce and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1346 (Gilchrest, R-MD)
State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1358 (Buyer, R-IN)
Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1359 (Defazio, D-OR)
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Amendment
Would amend the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from nontoxic organic waste, biomass, dedicated energy crops, landfill gas, geothermal, solar, tidal and wind resources, except that such term does not include electricity generated from the incineration of municipal solid waste.
Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1392 (Regula, R-OH)
Brownfields Reuse and Real Estate Development Act
Would require the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 regarding the liability of landowners and prospective purchasers.
Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1393 (Rivers, D-MI)
Toxic Substances Control Act, Amendment
Would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to establish certain requirements regarding the approval of facilities for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1395 (Rothman, D-NJ)
Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997
Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1462 (Visclosky, D-IN)
Pilot Program for Revolving Loans for Cleanup of Brownfield Sites, Establishment
Would authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot project providing loans to States to establish revolving loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in distressed areas that have the potential to attract private investment and create local employment.
Status: Introduced on April 24, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1506 (Velazquez, D-NY)
Public Health Serve Act, Amendment
Would amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination regarding exposure to hazardous substances.
Status: Introduced on April 30, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1576 (Stark, D-CA)
Continuation of Operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center, Provisions
Would provide for the continuation of the operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center.
Status: Introduced on May 8, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the House Committee on Science.

HR 1586 (Rivers, D-MI)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment (also known as the "National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997")
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on May 13, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1697 (Rivers, D-MI)
Impact of NAFTA on Job Loss and the Environment, Assessment
Would assess the impact of the North American Free-Trade Agreement on domestic job loss and the environment, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on May 21, 1997; referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1839 (White, R-WA)
National Requirements for Titling of Salvage, Nonrepairable, and Rebuilt Vehicles, Establishment
Would establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles. Describes responsibilities of professional automotive recyclers or professional scrap processors.
Status: Introduced on June 10, 1997; joint-referral to House Committee on Commerce and House Committee on the Judiciary; public hearing held by Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee on June 26, 1997.

HR 1960 (Markey, D-MA)
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Amendment; Federal Power Act, Amendment; Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, Amendment; Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978, Amendment
Would modernize the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Federal Power Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote competition in the electric power industry. Would provide for electric industry restructuring; would establish pollution standards and a renewable energy credit trading system, and create a safety net for low-income consumers.
Status: Introduced on June 19, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2102 (Talent, R-MO)
Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, Amendment
Would amend the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 to repeal the sunset of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ombudsman, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on June 26, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

H. Resolution 119 (Farr, D-CA)
Resolution Requiring Implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives
Would provide for the mandatory implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives.
Status: Introduce on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on House Oversight.

S 8 (Smith, Robert C., R-NH)
Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997
Would reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980. The bill would streamline cleanups, delegate authority to states and exempt all generators and transporters at co-disposal landfills, or those that mainly receive municipal solid waste and sewage sludge, for conduct prior to January 1, 1997.
Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on March 4 and 5, 1997.

S 18 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)
Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997
Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs. The bill would authorize $10 million in grants for states and local governments to inventory and assess brownfield sites. Additionally, it would authorize $15 million in grants for states to establish and capitalize low interest loan programs to clean up the sites and would limit the potential liability of innocent buyers of brownfields.
Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 104 (Murkowski, R-AK)
Nuclear Waste
Among other things, would establish Yucca Mountain as the site for an interim storage facility and would require EPA to issue standards to protect the public from radioactive leaks from a permanent nuclear waste repository.
Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 5, 1997; reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 14, 1997; unanimous consent agreement for consideration of the measure on the Senate Floor on April 9, 1997; passed the Senate Floor with of vote of 65-34 on April 15, 1997; referred to the House Of Representatives.

S 215 (Jeffords, R-VT)
National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs.
Status: Introduced on January 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S 237 (Bumpers, D-AR)
Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1997
Would provide for retail competition by December 15, 2000, among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from solar, wind, waste, except municipal waste, biomass, hydroelectric or geothermal resources.
Status: Introduced on January 30, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 297 (Bryan (D-NV)
Nuclear Waste Independent Review Act
Would establish a presidential commission on nuclear waste.
Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 384 (Conrad, D-ND)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside the State.
Status: Introduced on February 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 443 (Baucus, D-MT)
State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste and for State control over transportation of municipal solid waste.
Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 444 (Chafee, R-RI)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment (Tires)
Would amend the Internal Revenue Code to impose a tax on the manufacture and importation of tires. Would create the Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Trust Fund to be made available for recycling, abatement and cleanup of waste tire piles.
Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

S 445 (Chafee, R-RI)
Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recycling of waste tires and to ablate tire dumps and tire stockpiles.
Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 448 (Robb, D-VA)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize local governments and Governors to restrict receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste.
Status: Introduced on March 17, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 463 (Coats, R-IN)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State.
Status: Introduced on March 18, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 599 (Boxer, D-CA)
Children's Environmental Protection Act
Would protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to certain environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.
Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 687 (Jeffords, R-VT)
Electric System Public Benefits Protection Act of 1997
Would enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes. "Renewable energy" means electricity generated from wind, organic waste (excluding incinerated municipal solid waste), or biomass or geothermal, solar thermal, or photovoltaic source.
Status: Introduced on May 1, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 899 (Dodd, D-CT)
Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1997
Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for flow control of municipal solid waste.
Status: Introduced on June 12, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

S 951 (Torricelli, N-NJ)
Quiet Communities Act of 1997
Would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency.
Status: Introduced on June 24, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.