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GUN LEGISLATION REPORT

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Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this I will have seen and talked with many of you at Friendship. But for those I didn't get to discuss the matter with, I will repeat my statement.

As you know by now the Black Powder Relief Bill S 1083, introduced by Senator Bayh passed the Senate by an overwhelming majority of 78 to 8. Strong efforts were made by Senators Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senator Javitz of New York to first return the bill back to the Judiciary Committee for further study, and having failed in this by a vote of 76 to 14 then tried unsuccessfully to get it defeated. Those voting against S 1083 were; Senators Brooke of Massachusetts, Case of New Jersey, Javitz of New York, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Percy of Illinois, Ribicoff of Connecticut, Stevenson of Illinois, and Tunney of California. It is too bad that the record of the Senate Floor action word for word, as placed in the Congressional Record of July 13th, is too long to publish here. It was most interesting. Most libraries subscribe to the Congressional Record, I would recommend that while you are at your library ask to see the Congressional Record of Friday, July 13, 1973. The whole proceedings are covered on pages S 13408 to S 13419.

Passage by the Senate was indeed a great step forward, but

not the most difficult. The House of Representatives is a different matter. Despite the overwhelming vote by the Senate, several newspapers and commentators are stating it has little or no chance to get through the House. There are several reasons for such predictions. First, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Rodino of New Jersey has in the past been for antigun legislation. However, he is known to possess an open mind. Consequently, Representative Lee Hamilton and other Representatives who are pushing our legislation are trying to convince him of the merits of the proposed legislation without trying to pressure him. Unless we can get enough strong support from an overwhelming number of Representatives to convince Mr. Rodino of the importance of this legislation, hearing by the House Judiciary Committee will never be held and H.R. 5964 and the other five House Bills will never see the light of day. For that reason I am listing herein the names of the Representatives who are members of the House Judiciary Committee. We should write each and every one of them asking their support. This is especially so for those members who have Representatives on the House Judiciary Committee. We have strong friends in the House of Representatives and I am sure if we could ever

get the Bill to the House floor it would pass. However, we don't have a Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who is pushing for the Bill like Senator Bayh did in the Senate.

Following are the members of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee:

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