MEMO

TO:	PET	61
FROM:	RICH	(P)
RE:	BOTTLE	BILL

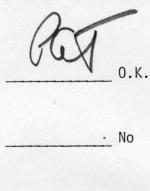
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I would recommend that you cosponsor the Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1979. The bill is filed by Senator Hatfield.

It is very similar to the Jeffords-AuCoin House bill which you cosponsored in the past.

The bill provides for a mandatory refund of at least five cents.

Hatfield estimates that, with the bill, with 10 refills per bottle, 81,000 barrels of oil will be saved daily by 1982. This is equivalent to about 44% of the beverage container industry's total projected energy need in that year.



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