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MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR BRENDAN BYRNE
FROM: PAUL BEA
SUBJ: PINELANDS FEDERAL LEGISLATION

AUTHORIZATION

In the early fall of 1978 the Pineland National Reserves legislation was being finalized. The staff of Senators Case and Williams and Congressmen Florio, Hughes and Forsythe were actively participating (in addition to the Washington office and the Department of Interior). In an effort to win the support of Hughes and Forsythe, the legislation was modified to provide for a limited moratorium on certain construction in a core area containing critical lands. The legislation which was enacted had the support of all five Members. It authorized \$26 million, of which no more than \$3 million could be spent on planning.

APPROPRIATIONS

This year, the Administration requested \$12 million for Pinelands acquisition only. The House Appropriations Committee did not include funds in its bill, on a technicality. But Florio went on the floor and offered an amendment for the \$12 million. Hughes and Forsythe co-sponsored the amendment, since the money would not be used for planning. Hughes did not want planning to be funded because of his objections to the regulatory work of the Commission. Florio's amendment passed the House.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$12 million for acquisition in its bill at the suggestion of the Senate and Commission members. Bradley and Williams offered an amendment on the Senate floor to allow \$800,000 for regulatory work. The Bradley-Williams amendment passed.

CONFERENCE ACTION

In terms of Pinelands funding, there were two issues to be resolved: whether planning would be funded, and what the source of the \$12 million would be. (The House bill took the money out of general revenues and the Senate bill out of the Land and Water Conservation fund.) The latter issue was not a point of concern.

Hughes remained firmly opposed to planning funding and managed to secure support for his position from the House Conference Chairman. The remaining key delegation members appeared to be unwilling to go all out and fight Hughes, although their support for planning money had not changed. At your initiative and through the efforts of the Washington Office, Minish, Thompson and others began to intercede with the Conferees and the necessary votes were secured. The final outcome was the adoption of the Senate planning money.

DELEGATION VIEWS

At the request of Congressman Hughes, Bradley, Williams and Florio promised some assistance in getting Hughes' objections to the Commission heard. There has been increasing evidence that the three hold some measure of sympathy with Hughes' situation and share a concern that the planning effort may be hindered by the regulatory work of the Commission. In addition, minor items such as the Gubernatorial veto of Commission minutes are of interest to the three of them. But by no means are the three totally of one mind with Hughes on the Commission.