



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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Product Safety
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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL BY REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUMER FEDERATION
OF AMERICA TO MEET COMMISSIONER MOORE
DATE OF MEETING: JULY 24, 1995
PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 725
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: PAMELA L. WELLER
DATE OF ENTRY: AUGUST 9, 1995
COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE
PAMELA L. WELLER, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE
MICHAEL GOUGISHA, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

MARY ELLEN R. FISE, GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CONSUMER
FEDERATION OF AMERICA
TODD LEEUWENBURGH, PRODUCT SAFETY LETTER

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was an introductory courtesy call requested by the Consumer Federation of America. Ms. Fise told the Commissioner that most of CFA's members are organizations, rather than individuals and that the membership was very interested in product safety.

She told the Commissioner about CFA's work in playground safety: that they had put out a report and worked on model laws for local jurisdictions to adopt. She indicated they supported CPSC's playground safety guidelines: their own guidelines incorporated CPSC's guidelines and go beyond them in some cases. She indicated there are approximately 170,000 injuries on public playgrounds each year and this is one of the top grassroots issues for CFA.

Ms. Fise showed the Commissioner two indoor air quality pamphlets that CFA publishes. The Commissioner asked about CFA involvement in CO poisoning and asked CFA for help in getting out that message that burning charcoal indoors can kill due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Ms. Fise indicated that voluntary product standards play a critical role in filling in the gaps in protecting the public--that CPSC cannot monitor the entire range of products in its jurisdiction.



Ms. Fise indicated she felt the CPSC jurisdiction was just what it should be, that CFA was not pushing for any changes in our statutes. CFA feels our statutes have enough safeguards for business. Ms. Fise indicated CFA had not commented on the CPSC budget priorities for 1997 as they felt the Commission had been using excellent judgment in setting its priorities and in getting results quickly.

Finally, Ms. Fise stated CFA was very concerned about bunkbeds. She indicated the industry had been given a number of opportunities to solve the entrapment problem and that the CPSC needed to send a strong message by issuing an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The meeting concluded with Ms. Fise expressing the CFA's continued support for the work of the Commission.