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SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 645 - Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

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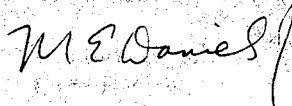
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AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Began and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
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SEC. 4. COOPERATION.

The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 is further amended by redesignating section 9 (16 U.S.C. 5306) as section 10, and by inserting after section 8 the following:

"SEC. 9. ADVISORY GROUP.

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“(e) PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.—To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which will enhance sustainable conservation programs to ensure effective long-term conservation of rhinoceros and tigers.”

SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

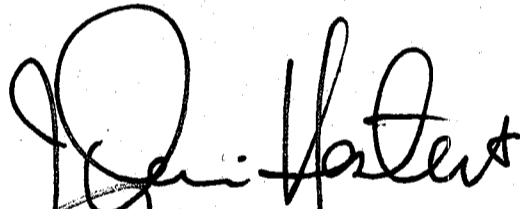
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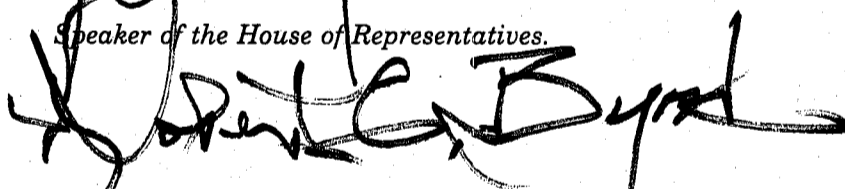
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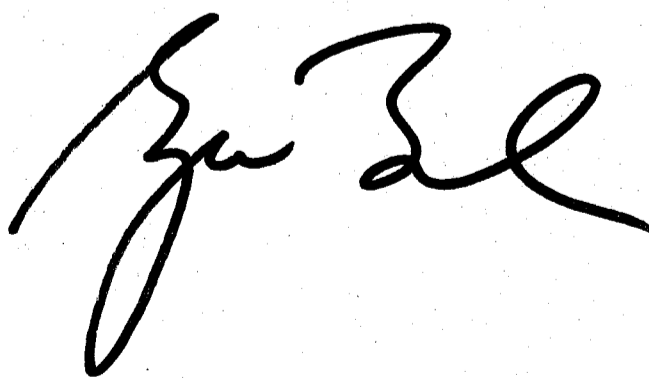


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JAN 8 2002



WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PM

Subject: H.R. 645 - RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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REMARKS:
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RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
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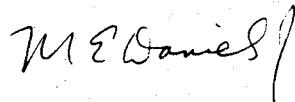
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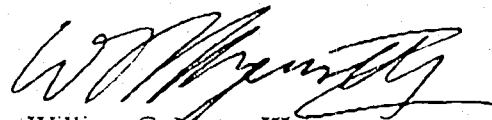
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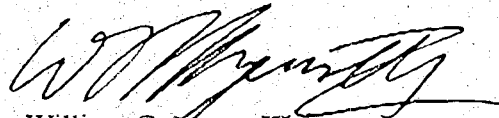
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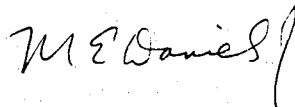
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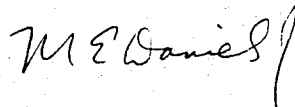
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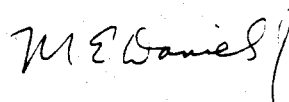
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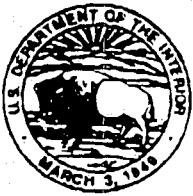
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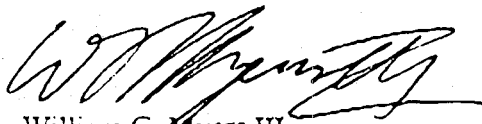
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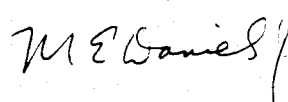
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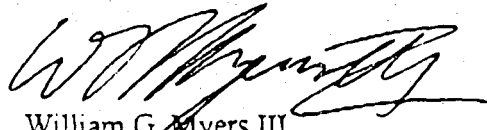
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January 2, 2002

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SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 645 - Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

Last Day for Action

January 8, 2002 - Tuesday

Purpose

Reauthorizes the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund through FY 2007.

Agency Recommendations

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Department of the Interior	Approval (Signing statement attached)
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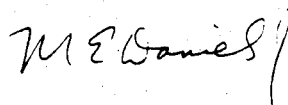
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Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
Washington, D.C. 20503

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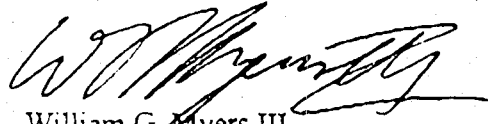
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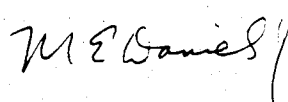
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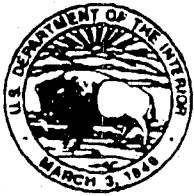
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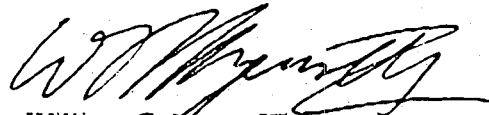
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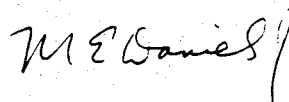
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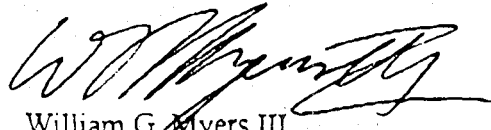
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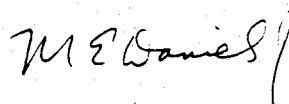
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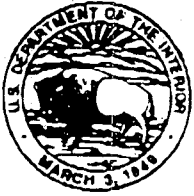
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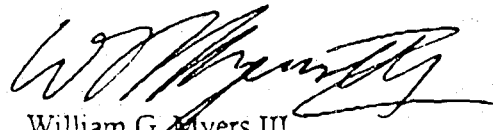
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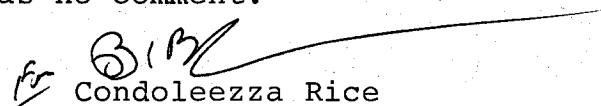
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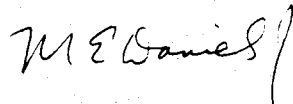
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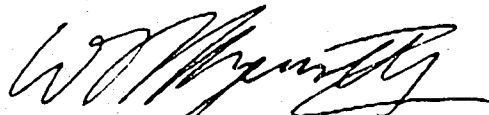
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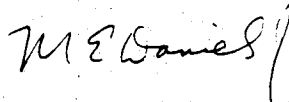
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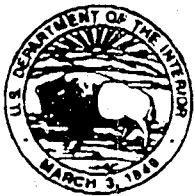
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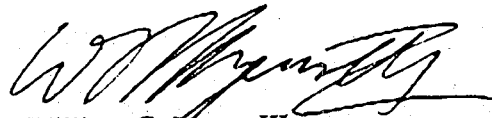
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Last Day for Action

January 8, 2002 - Tuesday

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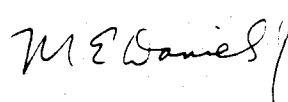
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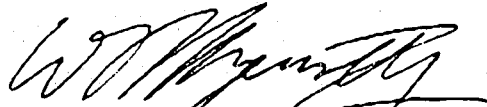
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January 3, 2002

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STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JONATHAN BURKS 
DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: H.R. 645 – Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation
Reauthorization Act

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and has no objection to the President signing the enrolled bill.

SS/ RM NO. 505275

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PM

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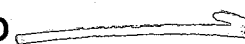
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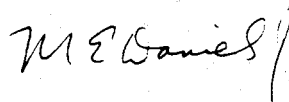
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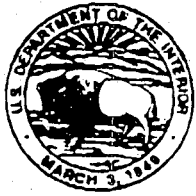
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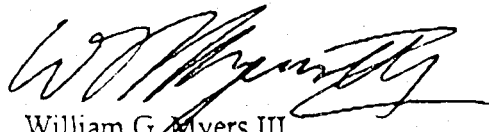
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Last Day for Action

January 8, 2002 - Tuesday

Purpose

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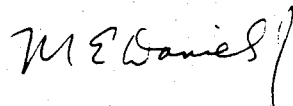
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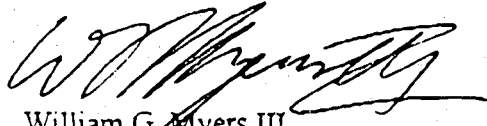
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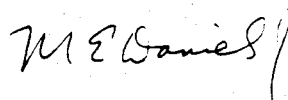
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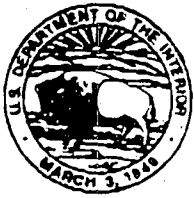
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