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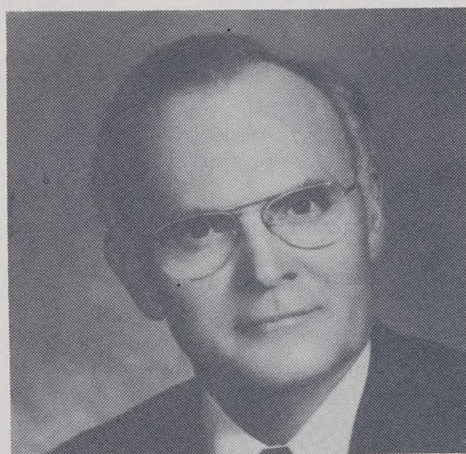
Senator Lee Metcalf

Senator Lee Metcalf, Representative John E. Moss, Jacob Clayman and Consumer Reports magazine will be honored for their outstanding contributions to American consumers at the Fifth Annual Consumer Federation of America Awards Dinner on June 11, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Senator Metcalf and Rep. Moss will each be honored with the Distinguished Public Service Award, which is traditionally presented to an elected public official.

In the field of energy, Senator Metcalf has been a dedicated advocate of improved regulation of utility companies since his election

CFA to honor Metcalf, Moss, Clayman and Consumer Reports

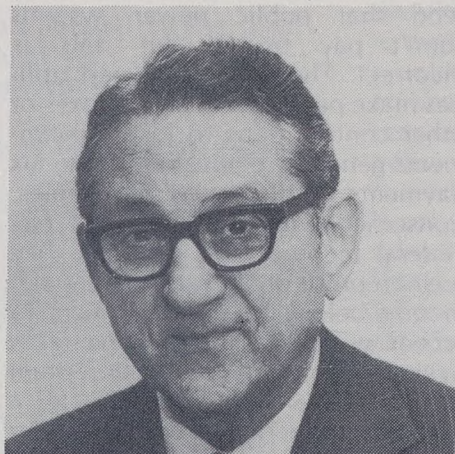


Representative John Moss

to Congress in 1952. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Materials, Minerals and Fuels of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, he has been a staunch advocate of the rights of utility consumers. The Montana Democrat, who was elected to the Senate in 1960, has also led consumers in their quest for a cleaner environment

through his sponsorship of air and water pollution control.

Senator Metcalf has also been active in such diverse consumer protection areas as improved meat



Jacob Clayman

inspection, truth in advertising and packaging and fair interest rates.

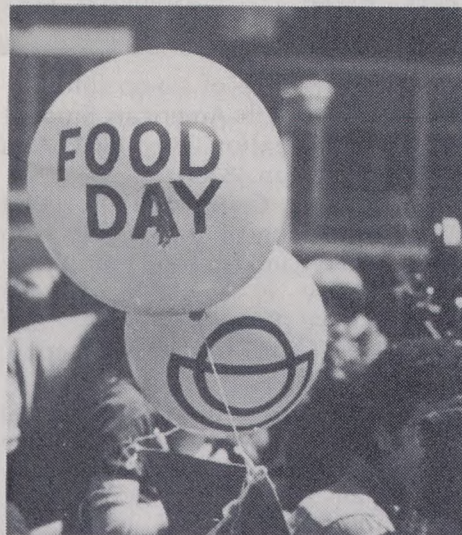
As Chairman of the consumer protection subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee, Rep.

John E. Moss has consistently championed a wide variety of legislation aimed at the protection and advancement of the interests of American consumers. His leadership has led to the passage of the FTC-Warranties Act and the widely acclaimed Freedom of Information Act. He was also the author and major sponsor of the Consumer Product Safety Act, which led to the creation of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The California Democrat is a major supporter of No-Fault Automobile Insurance and the continuing investigation of the energy industry and its competitive structure.

CONSUMER REPORTS

Consumers join in Food Day



Food Day in San Francisco

From street fairs, with balloons and rock music to teach-ins and serious speeches on American food policy, Food Day, 1975 had something for everybody. Designed as a national day of awareness and action, Food Day was an opportunity for people to get involved in an issue of basic

concern and broad consequence.

From San Francisco to New York, consumers, students, community and religious organizations participated in a wide variety of activities centered on food cost, availability, quality and supply.

In New York City's Bryant Park, New York Consumer Assembly and other groups sponsored Meals in the Park, where a crowd of over one thousand was served a meatless, high-protein lunch at nominal cost. Participants strolled among booths with information on food stamps, food legislation, junk foods, co-ops, nutrition, famine relief and world food policy. They also heard Congressman Fred Richmond (D-NY), tell them, "What we need is a national food policy, that provides adequate production, fair consumer prices, a decent return to the farmer, stability in the marketplace, a thorough investigation of the corporate role in agriculture, and a successful humanitarian food assistance program both

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Legislative Wrap-up

Agency for Consumer Advocacy

It is expected that the Consumer Protection Act creating an Agency for Consumer Advocacy (S. 200), will come to the Senate floor in early May. A substantial majority of the Senate is committed to its passage and in recent weeks, several new industries including Mobil Oil and Stop and Shop Supermarkets have endorsed the legislation.

Despite the fact that President Ford voted for similar legislation when he was a Congressman, he has now apparently yielded to pressure from some segments of industry and is attempting to kill the bill. Writing to Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn), the Chairman of the Senate Committee which has jurisdiction over S. 200, the President requested that action on the bill be delayed. Instead, he proposed to direct Federal

executive branch agencies to improve their responsiveness and accountability to the American consumer.

Again on April 28, the President took the opportunity to address the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and reiterate his position. Using the same language which appeared in an obviously biased Opinion Research poll, sponsored by the Business Roundtable, the President claimed that the American people do not want the ACA.

In spite of the President's opposition, consumer advocates remain confident of the ACA's passage. It is now more important than ever to write your Senators to enlist their support, as the bill must pass by an overwhelming majority so Mr. Ford will realize the enormity of consumer support.

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