



# A Hippo-Critter Production

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## Hippo-Critters Name NAM President Jerry Jasinowski Their Favorite "Hippo-Crit of the Year"

### *Lovable Lugs Drop In as Manufacturers Assn. Tries To Hijack Earth Day on the Mall*

WASHINGTON, April 22—Big gray and purple beasts greeted National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasinowski on the National Mall today and offered him some hippo hugs for being their favorite "Hippo-Crit of the Year" and claiming to be an environmentalist.

Spokes-hippo Henrietta the Hippo-Critter, wearing a fetching sash and tutu combination around her vast purple belly, noted that Jasinowski has spent his career fighting environmental laws and representing some of America's most notorious polluters. Yet today he is presiding over an event that claims to be for protecting the planet.

"To us that makes Jerry a great big ol' hippo-crit," Henrietta grunted through a translator. "We've seen him around the swamp. It looks like he's got more nerve than he has sense, kind of like us hippo-critters. We have to respect that, coming from a political animal like him."

The Hippo-Critters presented Jasinowski with his own "Hippo-Critter" sash to match theirs, and an award citation that reads:

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To Jerry Jasinowski, for the height of audacity in claiming on Earth Day that the National Association of Manufacturers supports environmental protection, just as NAM:

- ③ • Attacks public interest regulations under the guise of "reform"
- ② • Operates a \$13 million pressure campaign to kill the international treaty to slow global warming
- ④ • Sends its lawyers to court to weaken protections for endangered species (like hippos)
- ① • Fights a last-gasp campaign to postpone new clean air health standards against smog and soot

We hereby bestow this award for  
"Hippo-Crit of the Year"

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The Hippo-Critters said if Jasinowski *really* wants to be an environmentalist, he could start by shutting down his anti-environmental front groups, and encouraging his members to adopt the EnergyStar program to save energy and slow down global warming; expand toxic chemical reporting; look into new evidence their products damage people's health; and quit calling toxic dumping "recycling."

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