

Executive Committee Member of the Independent College Advancement Associates of Ohio and Director of the Ohio Northern University Alumni Board. In addition to his education affiliations, he is a member of Elks International, the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club of Tiffin, Ducks Unlimited of Seneca County, and the Media Institute, a National Italian-American Foundation.

Mike continues today to serve his community. In addition to his post as Vice President of Development of Tiffin University, he serves as Director of the Tiffin Area Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Seneca County Industrial Economic Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Revolving Loan Committee for Tiffin that develops the City's infrastructure to encourage business growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mike for his years of service to the Tiffin community. I want to wish my friend, his wife Nancy, and their two children, Vincent and Gina, all the best in their future endeavors.

HOMESTAKE MINE CONVEYANCE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2001

Mr. HANSON. Mr. Speaker, the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce also have a jurisdictional interest in S. 1389, and it is with the cooperation of Chairman Don Young and Chairman Bill Tauzin that the bill was considered in such an expeditious fashion by the House of Representatives. I have letters reflecting this jurisdictional understanding between our three Committees regarding H.R. 3299, a nearly identical bill, and I ask that they be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place during debate on S. 1389.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2001.

The Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YOUNG: I am writing to request that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure waive its right to seek a sequential referral of H.R. 3299, a bill introduced by Mr. Thune regarding the disposition of the Homestake Gold Mine in South Dakota.

While the Committee on Resources received sole jurisdiction of this bill upon its introduction, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure would receive a sequential referral upon passage because of certain provisions in the text.

I acknowledge that your waiver of this right to a sequential referral does not waive the rights of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the future on similar legislation. Further, I would recognize the right of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to seek conferees on any provisions of H.R. 3299, or similar legislation, that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened. Accordingly, I would support your request for the appointment of conferees should such a conference be convened.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman—Committee on Resources.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-
MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2001.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman, Committee on Resources, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for the opportunity to review, on behalf of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the amendment to H.R. 3299, the "Homestake Mine Conveyance Act of 2001," that the Committee on Resources plans to bring to the floor under suspension of the rules.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has a valid claim to jurisdiction over section 104 of the amendment, as it relates to environmental reviews by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and response actions to correct conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or environment, and section 106 of the amendment, as it relates to liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recognizes the importance of this legislation. In view of your desire to move H.R. 3299 to the floor in an expeditious fashion, I do not intend to seek a sequential referral of H.R. 3299. However, this should in no way be viewed as a waiver of jurisdiction. I would appreciate your acknowledgement of the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure over sections 104 and 106 of the amendment and an acknowledgement of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's right to seek conferees in the event that this legislation is considered in a House-Senate conference.

I look forward to working with you on this bill.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2001.

The Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman, Committee on Resources, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN HANSEN: I am writing with regard to H.R. 3299, the Homestake Mine Conveyance Act of 2001.

I recognize your desire to bring this bill before the House in an expeditious manner. Accordingly, I will not exercise the Committee's right to a referral. By agreeing to waive its consideration of the bill, however, the Energy and Commerce Committee does not waive its jurisdiction over H.R. 3299. In addition, the Energy and Commerce Committee reserves its authority to seek conferees on the provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this or similar legislation. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Energy and Commerce Committee for conferees on H.R. 3299 or similar legislation.

I request that you include this letter and your response in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during debate on the bill. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2001.
The Hon. W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 3299, the Homestake Mine Conveyance Act of 2001. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 3299, and that by not seeking a sequential referral of the bill, you do not compromise your jurisdictional claim. I will also support your request to be named as a conferee on this bill or the similar Senate bill should one become necessary.

As you know, yesterday the House of Representatives passed S. 1389, the Senate companion measure to H.R. 3299, with an amendment under suspension of the rules. S. 1389 had been held at the desk and thus was not referred to any House committee. However, the two bills are very similar. To clarify the committee jurisdiction over this matter, I will place your letter and my response in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD under the extension of remark authority granted during consideration of S. 1389.

Thank you again for your cooperation on this issue. I am sure that Congressman John Thune, the author of H.R. 3299, is also very grateful.

Sincerely,

JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman.

HONORING COACH JOHN THOMPSON AND THE JOHN THOMPSON FOUNDATION CLASSIC

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the John Thompson Foundation Challenge Basketball Classic on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at the MCI Center in Washington, DC. In noting this significant occasion, I am particularly pleased to honor the outstanding contributions of Coach John Thompson, my colleague at Georgetown University, where I continue as a tenured professor of law, and I ask this House to honor Mr. Thompson as well today. John Thompson is a lifelong resident of Washington, DC, a nationally recognized and much honored coach and teacher, and the founder of the John Thompson Foundation. I would especially like to express my deepest appreciation for his leadership in providing scholarships to African American youth living in the District of Columbia to pursue higher education.

Mr. Thompson has made many important contributions to lives of inner city youth residing in the nation's capital. Since the beginning of his career, John Thompson has used athletics to teach and promote the importance of discipline and education to young people who underachieve. This country needs many more sports heroes and teachers to follow John Thompson's extraordinary example.

If our youth are to survive in this globally and technologically advanced society, it will require organizations and individuals to provide an array of educational opportunities that prepare them for success. Coach Thompson has proved his commitment to young people