

a rock concert going on on the front lawn, and for people whose windows face that way it was really quite noisy.

I understand people were saying, well, we will not be able to see this show from the Capitol, but you will be able to see the Capitol from the show, is the way I understand it. And I guess I am saying, are there any criteria? Are we just going to wait and be surprised day after day by new ideas that come up on the other side of the aisle for what we should use the Capitol as a showcase for? What about assault weapons? Can we have assault weapon or gun shows around here? Can we have dog and cat shows or horse shows?

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell the gentlewoman, I think there are a lot of people that share her concerns about commercializing the Capitol Grounds and trivializing the Capitol Grounds. This is the Nation's Capitol, which has a great and grand history of legislating for the Nation's good. So I will tell the gentlewoman that in the future, as these things usually come through the subcommittee of which I am chairman, that we will ensure that Members on both sides of the aisle receive this kind of information and notice well in advance.

Now, there was information about this for the past several months. I realize we are all very busy with a variety of things and do not pick up on all of the activities that are occurring, but certainly I will assure both sides of the aisle that whenever events like this are coming up, I will do my level best, and I know the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] will help with this, as well as other members of the committee, to make sure the body as a whole realizes these things are coming up and they can be prepared for them.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I guess my point is I think we need some criteria. I think before we keep doing this in an ad hoc manner, in which we kind of walk into the cloakroom and hear, wow, elephants are coming, the circus is coming, we are going to have a car lot, do this or that, or have a rock show, I would hope there would be some general criteria, rather than in an ad hoc way, as to what we can and cannot use the Capitol Grounds for.

Otherwise maybe we should rent it out, maybe privatization; they should pay us and we get the money back and we use it for something to maintain the Capitol. I do not know. I must say it is not the car show per se, but it is just the idea that there is more of an ad hoc casual way that they are coming one on one, and there does not seem to be any criteria or any overall agenda that they fit through.

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield,

what a number of us have been talking about over the past week is the issue of raising a specific criteria, there ought to be some type of specific or some flexible specific criteria that people can agree on for the type of activities that will go on on the Capitol Grounds.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman be bringing that out of the committee shortly?

Mr. GILCHREST. It is in the early stages of discussion. We have not had any hearings on it. I think it would be a good idea, whether or not we have hearings on it, at which time, if we did have hearings, we could certainly bring in Members to give their perspective on it.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I thank the gentleman. I really think that would help.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, following up the discussion with the ranking member of the subcommittee, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], discussing the matter of foreign cars, which we have been assured there are not going to be foreign automobiles, the provision of the resolution deals with this issue, section 6, do I understand the chairman's response to mean that in entering into an agreement authorizing the event, that the Architect will include provisions to assure that no foreign manufactured cars will be included in the display?

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, it is my understanding that since the Architect of the Capitol issues the permit, we would communicate to him that no foreign manufactured vehicle can be on display.

Mr. OBERSTAR. That will be part of the agreement that will be entered into by the Architect with those displaying vehicles?

Mr. GILCHREST. Yes. To the power that I have and the gentleman has, we will directly communicate that with the Architect of the Capitol. I would say to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR], he and I wield considerable power around here.

Mr. OBERSTAR. The gentleman does; the chairman does.

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBERSTAR. I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina.

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, I do not know a lot about this bill we are considering, but in my part of the country, stock car racing is very, very big business, and to my knowledge, there is no foreign participation, to my knowledge, in stock car racing, either in NASCAR or Busch Grand National as we know it today.

Is what we are doing today just setting aside a facility or grounds for the NASCAR people and the Grand National people to come in and display? This is not going to be highlighting individuals, or either Ford or Chrysler or GM, this is not going to be highlighting products, this is just going to be

showcasing NASCAR as we understand it in this country? Is that what this bill does?

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, that is correct. It showcases the American automobile over the last 100 years, showcases racing. The gentleman is correct when he says there are no foreign manufactured products in NASCAR racing.

The display goes from 12 noon to 3 p.m. It is not a real long period of time. It is a very short period of time to display the history of racing in the United States.

Mr. HEFNER. Whatever cost is incurred for this or damage they would do to the grounds, who picks up the cost?

Mr. GILCHREST. It is completely picked up by the association, not by the U.S. Congress and not by the taxpayers.

Mr. HEFNER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would say that the assurances given by the scholarly gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] are satisfactory to our side and to those who have raised concerns in the course of the debate this afternoon, and I would most certainly hope that we will not have a request for a recorded vote. I think this should pass on voice vote.

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 150, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event displaying racing, restored, and customized motor vehicles and transporters."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 150.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

IMPACT AID TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3269) to amend the impact aid