

to have future coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to eventually extend the line into Bucks County.

I believe restoring the line makes sense for a number of reasons. First, it would provide cost-effective relief from traffic congestion along Routes 31, 27, 1, 206, and 22. Somerset County's highway system is already overburdened and building new roads or expanding existing ones is a costly and potentially difficult proposition. Additionally, the line would help the state meet its Clean Air Act mandates, and improve the current 1.08 average vehicle occupancy for this area—which is the lowest in the State.

While a large number of residents in this area go to work everyday to Philadelphia, Trenton, Newark, or New York, there is no scheduled public transportation. This was not always the case. The West Trenton Line was established in the 19th century and continued under various owners until 1982. Unfortunately, service was forced to terminate in 1982 because of declining ridership due to old equipment, poor on-time performance, and infrequent service. The line is now used by Conrail as a freight line.

Much has changed since the line stopped carrying passengers 14 years ago. The population has soared, which has resulted in increases of traffic congestion on both State and local roads. The township of Hillsborough alone has experienced a 51-percent increase in population from 1980 to 1990. According to NJ transit, the government entity which would operate this line, a total of 104,000 people now reside in the West Trenton corridor.

This project enjoys the support of many groups, including: the Union County Transportation Advisory Board, the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, the Somerset County Planning Board, the Greater Princeton Transportation Management Association, the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, the Somerset County Environmental Stewardship Council, RideWise of Raritan Valley, the West Trenton Coalition, and the Middlesex County Planning Board. Moreover, I thank Mayor Ken Scherer of Hillsborough, NJ, and Barbara Roos, president of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, for coming to Washington to testify before Congress in support of this project. I believe their testimony was crucial in finally getting this project off the ground.

Mr. Chairman, I support this project because of its positive benefits regarding economic cost effectiveness, energy efficiency, congestion mitigation, and safety. I urge my colleagues to vote "aye" on this important bill.

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments to the bill, under the the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. PETRI] having assumed the chair, Mr. BEREUTER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 3675), making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 460, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule IV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 2, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 292]

YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Conyers	Gilman
Allard	Cooley	Gingrich
Andrews	Costello	Gonzalez
Archer	Cox	Goodlatte
Armey	Coyne	Goodling
Bachus	Cramer	Gordon
Baesler	Crane	Goss
Baker (CA)	Crapo	Graham
Baker (LA)	Cremeans	Green (TX)
Baldacci	Cubin	Greene (UT)
Ballenger	Cummings	Greenwood
Barcia	Cunningham	Gunderson
Barr	Danner	Gutknecht
Barrett (NE)	Davis	Hall (TX)
Barrett (WI)	de la Garza	Hamilton
Bartlett	Deal	Hancock
Barton	DeFazio	Hansen
Bass	DeLauro	Harman
Bateman	DeLay	Hastert
Becerra	Dellums	Hastings (FL)
Bentsen	Deutsch	Hastings (WA)
Bereuter	Diaz-Balart	Hayworth
Berman	Dickey	Hefley
Bevill	Dicks	Hefner
Bilbray	Dingell	Heineman
Billrakis	Dixon	Henger
Bishop	Doggett	Hilleary
Bliley	Dooley	Hilliard
Blumenauer	Doolittle	Hinchey
Boehrlert	Dornan	Hobson
Boehner	Doyle	Hoekstra
Bonilla	Dreier	Hoke
Bonior	Duncan	Holden
Bono	Dunn	Horn
Borski	Durbin	Horstetter
Boucher	Edwards	Hoyer
Browder	Ehlers	Hunter
Brown (CA)	Ehrlich	Hutchinson
Brown (FL)	Engel	Hyde
Brown (OH)	English	Inglis
Brownback	Ensign	Istook
Bryant (TN)	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Bunn	Evans	Jackson-Lee
Bunning	Everett	(TX)
Burr	Ewing	Jefferson
Burton	Farr	Johnson (CT)
Buyer	Fattah	Johnson (SD)
Callahan	Fawell	Johnson, E. B.
Calvert	Fazio	Johnson, Sam
Camp	Fields (LA)	Johnston
Campbell	Fields (TX)	Jones
Canady	Filner	Kanjorski
Cardin	Flanagan	Kaptur
Castle	Foley	Kasich
Chabot	Forbes	Kelly
Chambliss	Ford	Kennedy (MA)
Chapman	Fowler	Kennedy (RI)
Chenoweth	Fox	Kennelly
Christensen	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Chrysler	Franks (CT)	Kim
Clay	Franks (NJ)	King
Clayton	Frelinghuysen	Kingston
Clement	Frisa	Klecicka
Clinger	Frost	Klink
Clyburn	Funderburk	Klug
Coble	Furse	Knollenberg
Coburn	Gallegly	Kolbe
Coleman	Ganske	LaFalce
Collins (CA)	Gejdenson	LaHood
Collins (IL)	Gekas	Lantos
Collins (MI)	Geren	Largent
Combest	Gilchrest	Latham
Condit	Gillmor	LaTourette

Laughlin	Norwood	Shadegg
Lazio	Nussle	Shaw
Leach	Oberstar	Shays
Levin	Obey	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Olver	Sisisky
Lewis (GA)	Ortiz	Skaggs
Lewis (KY)	Orton	Skeen
Lightfoot	Owens	Skelton
Linder	Oxley	Slaughter
Lipinski	Packard	Smith (MI)
Livingston	Pallone	Smith (NJ)
LoBiondo	Parker	Smith (WA)
Lofgren	Pastor	Souder
Longley	Paxon	Spence
Lowey	Payne (NJ)	Spratt
Lucas	Payne (VA)	Stearns
Luther	Pelosi	Stenholm
Maloney	Peterson (MN)	Stokes
Manton	Petri	Studds
Manzullo	Pickett	Stump
Markey	Pombo	Stupak
Martini	Pomeroy	Talent
Mascara	Porter	Tanner
Matsui	Portman	Tate
McCarthy	Poshard	Tauzin
McCollum	Pryce	Taylor (MS)
McCrery	Quillen	Tejeda
McDermott	Quinn	Thomas
McHale	Radanovich	Thompson
McHugh	Rahall	Thornberry
McInnis	Ramstad	Thornton
McIntosh	Rangel	Thurman
McKeon	Reed	Tiahrt
McKinney	Regula	Torkildsen
McNulty	Richardson	Torres
Meehan	Riggs	Trafficant
Meek	Rivers	Upton
Menendez	Roberts	Velazquez
Metcalfe	Roemer	Vento
Meyers	Rogers	Visclosky
Mica	Rohrabacher	Volkmer
Millender-	Ros-Lehtinen	Walker
McDonald	Rose	Walsh
Miller (CA)	Roth	Wamp
Miller (FL)	Roukema	Ward
Minge	Roybal-Allard	Watt (NC)
Mink	Royce	Watts (OK)
Moakley	Rush	Waxman
Molinari	Sabo	Weldon (FL)
Mollohan	Salmon	Weller
Montgomery	Sanders	White
Moorhead	Sanford	Whitfield
Moran	Sawyer	Wicker
Morella	Saxton	Williams
Murtha	Scarborough	Wilson
Myers	Schaefer	Wise
Myrick	Schiff	Wolf
Nadler	Schumer	Woolsey
Neal	Scott	Wynn
Nethercutt	Seastrand	Young (AK)
Neumann	Sensenbrenner	Zeliff
Ney	Serrano	Zimmer

NAYS—2

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NOT VOTING—29

Ackerman	Hayes	Stockman
Blute	Houghton	Taylor (NC)
Brewster	Jacobs	Torricelli
Bryant (TX)	Lincoln	Towns
Flake	Martinez	Vucanovich
Foglietta	McDade	Waters
Gephardt	Peterson (FL)	Weldon (PA)
Gibbons	Smith (TX)	Yates
Gutierrez	Solomon	Young (FL)
Hall (OH)	Stark	

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1880. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102

South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

H.R. 2704. An act to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located at 7436 South Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building".

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H. Con. Res. 192. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

Pursuant to clause I, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

(Mr. DORNAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague who just spoke from Connecticut is married to one of the best pollsters in this country. When she tells us that our ratings are at an all-time low for this century, I listen. I said: Stan is one of the best pollsters in this country; when you say our ratings are at an all-time low, I listen. It is a compliment. It is a compliment.

Mr. Speaker, in the middle of the afternoon at some point, the majority leader has just approved it, I will rise to a question of personal privilege for 1 hour to discuss the truth over a Member of this Chamber on our side calling me a liar, a bigot, and a hater.

I will set the record straight on one of the key reasons this Chamber is held in such low esteem. I will put into the record an editorial that tells us that the homosexual movement in this country does not want just tolerance; they want total acceptance.

While we are trying to get through no same-sex marriage, how do we give spouse cards and pins to three male boyfriends in their forties and fifties?

I am against giving China most-favored-nation status.

Mr. Speaker, this excellent challenging report is from Lamda Report.

SILENCE-DEFEAT

In this election year, we feel compelled to call attention to an emerging political blunder we hope can still be averted. It is about a political silence that's getting so loud we suspect by the Fall it will be deafening.

What is this resounding silence? The lack of thoughtful criticism within the conservative movement and GOP circles of the "gay rights" agenda. Although homosexual activism continues to rub most Americans the wrong way—and shows no signs of abating—

we sense Republicans are running away from the issue faster than Madalyn Murray O'Hair from a revival meeting. There is a good chance the GOP will largely ignore as a campaign issue President Clinton's extensive pro-homosexual record, including his recent endorsement of intrusive legislation that would inject "sexual orientation" into employers' hiring and firing decisions. Even the Christian Coalition, we fear, may not use its influence to make Clinton's pro-homosexual record a major campaign issue in the upcoming election.

Compounding the problem is a skillful homosexual propaganda strategy that labels anyone who opposes "gay" activism an "extremist" or a "bigot." It is no accident that the pro-gay group PFLAG has targeted Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson with its \$625,000 ad campaign linking Christian leaders with heinous violence and suicidal youth (see page 8). And now the Human Rights Campaign, a homosexual lobby, has proclaimed that three GOP presidential contenders—Buchanan, DORNAN, and Gramm—are "HRC-designated extremists". (page 12)

Let's see: Phil Gramm, anti-gay extremist. Can there be any doubt such reckless hyperbole is meant to intimidate critics and stifle debate?

We are hardly shocked that the homosexual lobby would attempt to marginalize its foes, but it is telling that even some "pro-family" leaders would stigmatize those intent on countering "gay" activism, or are at least shying away from this critical issue. Two years ago, Bill Bennett sent an ominous signal when (speaking at a Christian Coalition convention) he chastised conservatives who "obsess" on homosexuality. The much respected Bennett was dead wrong in this case. What he did was the political equivalent of scolding pro-life groups for fixating on the fetus. Yet his putdown spoke volumes about the way Washington insiders, versus everyday Americans, perceive this troubling issue.

We understand why Bennett, like many Washington politicians, would rather downplay homosexual-related matters. Unfortunately, gay activists aren't so accommodating. In fact, they are spending millions to, in effect, normalize the homosexual lifestyle. A decade ago, their call was for tolerance. Now, as Candace Gingrich puts it, "Tolerance is not enough!" Gay leaders—including the Log Cabin Federation of gay Republicans—are uniting begin a massive campaign to legalise homosexual "marriage." In the face of such resources and dedication, and a "cultural elite" eager to promote homosexuality at every turn, it is utter folly for conservatives to ignore the issue. Worse yet are those GPO leaders like Mary Matalin and Jim Pinkerton who are actually championing "gay" causes (p.5).

In politics, the side that is willing to champion its cause confidently is the side with momentum, the side headed for victory. By that standard, gay activists surely have the Big Mo. Misguided as their mission is, at least they believe in it enough to defend it with gusto. In contrast, many on the Right seem to wish the "gay" issue would just go away. It won't. We see a parallel with abortion politics. In recent elections it seemed "pro-choice" candidates were always willing to boast of their position, while "pro-life" politicians often hid theirs or avoided the issue. Silent support is better than nothing, but if GOP leaders fail to engage the issue intelligently now, they will be unprepared when the ultimate "gay rights" battle—"marriage"—beats up.

We sympathize with groups like Christian Coalition for not wanting to appear like they are "bashing" homosexuals, but rather are reacting defensively to homosexual activist

demands. Unfortunately, it seems like some important groups are not even playing solid defense—much less doing anything to seriously thwart homosexual activist goals. Witness the pallid response of the pro-family movement to the judiciary's rush to bless homosexual adoptions. And Big Tent or no Big Tent, it certainly didn't bode well when Log Cabin's Rich Tafel praised Ralph Reed's "Contract with the American Family" as a "step in the right direction" (it ignored gay issues).

Truth, is many homosexual activists regard anything against their agenda as "gay bashing." Of course, most religious conservatives are not "bashers"; they merely oppose the promotion of homosexuality—by the state, in schools, or in the culture. To profoundly disagree with an agenda, especially on religious grounds, is not to HATE. So, conservatives: get over your misplaced guilt and face up to this movement that is on the verge of radically altering two pillars of American society: marriage and family.

Bill Clinton is the most—indeed, the only—pro-homosexual president in U.S. history. His most unpopular act among voters was his attempt to allow homosexuals in the military. If Republicans fail to make his pro-gay record a part for the '96 campaign, or carefully avoid discussing the H-word, they will not only miss a political opportunity but they will have helped enshrine the "gay" political agenda—including "marriage"—into U.S. law.

EULOGY FOR THE LATE HONORABLE BILL EMERSON

(Mr. ROBERTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, today, in the Cape Girardeau First Presbyterian Church, in very emotional but appropriate services, the loving family, friends, colleagues, and constituents of Bill Emerson bade farewell and paid tribute to our dear friend and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, just 2 days ago, Member after Member of this body rose in an outpouring of personal tribute to our late colleague; the comments diverse in content but uniform in affection, appreciation, and sense of personal loss. A veteran member of this House observed the tribute to Bill was the most far reaching in terms of both time and members that has been witnessed in recent times.

Mr. Speaker, the American Heritage Dictionary defines "eulogy" as a public speech or tribute extolling the virtues or achievements of a person and honoring one recently deceased. The eulogy for Bill was given by his longtime friend and trusted assistant, Lloyd Smith, and in his remarks, Lloyd provided all of us a life portrait of Bill so fitting to our celebration of his life. In behalf of the Speaker and all of those present, we thank Lloyd for his most fitting, appropriate and comforting tribute.

I commend to my colleagues and to the citizens of his beloved Eighth Congressional District and this country that he served so well, the eulogy in behalf of our friend, the Honorable Bill