

(Mr. BURTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

#### INTRODUCING THE TOBACCO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, over the past year, with all the talk about a global tobacco settlement, tobacco farm families are very worried about their future. Mr. Speaker, I cannot predict at this point whether efforts to craft a settlement will be successful, but if and when the House addresses comprehensive tobacco legislation I will stand ready to ensure that our tobacco farmers are protected. I will stand, and I have listened carefully to my farmers and worked hard to formulate proposals that are fair and reflect their wishes. That may very well mean that we look for ways to provide a transition away from the current way of doing things, provided farmers are compensated in a fair and equitable way.

In the meantime, though, we have a responsibility to ensure the continuation of the tobacco program that our farmers have relied on for so many years. Some have suggested that the taxpayer subsidizes the Federal tobacco program. I strongly disagree, because the budget deficit assessment paid by the tobacco growers and companies more than offsets the costs incurred by the USDA in the operation of the tobacco program, and we know what the tobacco taxes contribute to the coffers of the Federal Treasury.

However, Mr. Speaker, to address these arguments I am introducing the Tobacco Program Administrative Reform Act of 1998. My proposed legislation will require current Federal expenditures for tobacco crop insurance, extension services, and the administration of the price support and quota programs to be funded by additional assessments on tobacco product manufacturers and importers.

So let me be very clear, Mr. Speaker, we may very well need to think about a new direction for our tobacco farmers beyond the status quo. But there should be no confusion that the tobacco program has served our farmers ably, and for many rural counties it is the life blood of their economies. In the absence of comprehensive tobacco legislation, we must take every step to protect our farmers by maintaining the current tobacco program.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MASCARA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MASCARA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2400, BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the order of the House today, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 2400, effective upon receipt of the proper message from the Senate:

For consideration of the House bill (except title XI) and the Senate amendment (except title VI), and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. SHUSTER,  
YOUNG of Alaska,  
PETRI,  
BOEHLERT,  
KIM,  
HORN,  
Mrs. FOWLER, and  
Messrs. BAKER,  
NEY,  
METCALF,  
OBERSTAR,  
RAHALL,  
BORSKI,  
LIPINSKI,  
WISE,  
CLYBURN,  
FILNER and  
MCGOVERN.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will announce the appointment of additional conferees at a subsequent time.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H. Con. Res. 257. Concurrent Resolution providing for an Adjournment of both Houses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING KENTUCKY COACH ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the University of Kentucky's men's basketball coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith. Let me first point out my allegiance continues to be to the Terrapins of the University of Maryland, as I am sure our Speaker pro tempore's does to the University of Kansas, Roy Williams. But I wanted to take this opportunity to comment on how proud I am of the accomplish-

ments of Tubby Smith in taking the Wildcats of Kentucky to victory and winning Monday's NCAA National Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I want all of my colleagues to know, particularly the good gentleman from Kentucky, that Tubby Smith comes from my district, Scotland, Maryland, a rural area near Point Lookout where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Potomac River. This community, as you could imagine, now bursts with pride for its native son Tubby Smith, and I am proud to join them in saluting the accomplishments of this distinguished resident.

Tubby Smith was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guffrie and Parthenia Smith 46 years ago, as the 6th eldest child of 17 on a tenant farm in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Guffrie Smith, Sr. held 3 jobs, driving school buses, cutting hair, and firing boilers at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, to support his family. He and his wife still live today in the five-bedroom home he built on five acres in St. Mary's County.

As to Tubby Smith, after scoring over 3,000 points for the Great Mills High School basketball team, Tubby attended High Point College in North Carolina on a scholarship.

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He began his coaching career at his alma mater, Great Mills High School, in 1973, and then worked stints as an assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth and South Carolina. Smith then served under the leadership of Coach Rick Pitino from 1989 to 1991 as an assistant coach at Kentucky University.

His first collegiate head coaching job was with Tulsa University, combining a record of 79-43, while making two NCAA appearances in the Sweet 16. From there, Mr. Speaker, he became the first Georgia State coach to record back-to-back 20 victory seasons.

Then, in May 1997, he was named to replace the legendary Rick Pitino as the head coach of one of the most successful NCAA basketball programs in the country at the University of Kentucky.

Kentucky's Athletic Director Newton learned what Tubby's family and friends also knew, that Tubby would be respected for his outstanding coaching rather than simply as the program's first African-American coach.

In Saint Mary's County, those who know the Smith family are not at all surprised by Tubby's extraordinary accomplishments. They will tell you a heartwarming story of an incredible mother and father who have raised 17 great citizens, who were taught hard work, discipline and the value of good education.

Tubby's accomplishments remind me of the words spoken by Booker T. Washington, who said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position one reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to share with you some of the pride that the