

ranked 47th in Louisiana in high-technology connects.

Now why did I find that so alarming, and why this event in Baton Rouge next Monday?

I found it so alarming because, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Commerce, I have seen the high-technology economy at work in other parts of the country and around the world. I have seen how connecting to the Internet makes a difference in the education of children. I have seen how connecting to the Internet makes a business prosper or fail. I have seen the promise of the broadband technologies, in effect high-speed Internet connects, to an economy are going to make the difference between whether some economies succeed or fail.

And I have lived in the State of Louisiana that I love dearly and yet I know suffers from a high illiteracy rate and a need for children to be uplifted, an economy that desperately needs a connect to this high-technology economy; and yet I see these numbers that say we are 47th, and I see so many other States lingering near the bottom of this list.

And so on next Monday we have convened what might be the last big high-technology summit conference of this millennium where on October 11 in Baton Rouge we are going to feature such speakers as:

Bill Kennard, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission,  
Robert Pitofsky, the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission,

Barry Diller, the chairman and CEO of USA Networks,

Charlie Ergen, chairman of Echostar Satellite Communications,

Bob Coonrod, chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,

Greg Maffei, the Senior Vice President of Microsoft,

Afshin Monebbi, the President and CEO of Quest Communications,

Mike McCurry, former White House spokesman, now a cochairman with our own Susan Molinari of the broadband Coalition, an organization formed to try to make sure every part of America, not just the few States that have high-technology connects, but every part of America is brought together; that we do not have a digital divide in the new economy of the future; along with folks like Hal Krisbergh, chairman and CEO of Worldgate Communications, a company that is manufacturing equipment that can put every child in this country on the Internet on television without the necessity of a computer for about \$5 a month rental, technologies that mean the difference between children being left behind, and businesses being left behind and economies being left behind or being a part of the new fast economy that is being described as the new economy of the new millennium.

This summit conference will be available to all of America on the Internet, and I want to tell you how you can log in, how you can tune in. If you are interested in knowing how critical it is for your homes and your businesses to be connected to the Internet and to be, more importantly, connected to the high-speed Internet of the future, the broadband services that are going to combine all the new economies on the Internet with the high-speed visual and audio and data services that are going to be available on those services. If you are interested, you can tune in. It will be broadcast live on the Internet all day long next Monday, and you can find it at [www.mobiletel.com](http://www.mobiletel.com).

That site is connected to other ISPs or Internet service providers.

You can tune in, you can get a sense of how your State can do what Louisiana, I hope, will do, and that is start a major effort to connect every family, every business to this new economy and to the high speed Internet. Join us at [www.mobiletel.com](http://www.mobiletel.com) on Monday all day at LSU and learn what the future looks like for your State.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. GRANGER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:30 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TOWNS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HILL of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RAMSTAD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAUZIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 8, 1999, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4710. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Winston Offshore Cup, San Juan, Puerto Rico [CGD07 99-056] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 748. A bill to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; with amendments (Rept. 106-367). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1615. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment (Rept. 106-368). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2140. A bill to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; with an amendment (Rept. 106-369). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. PORTER: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3037. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-370). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HANSEN:

H.R. 3035. A bill to designate certain lands in the State of Utah as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 3036. A bill to provide for interim continuation of administration of motor carrier functions by the Federal Highway Administration; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. OWENS):