

Fisheries where he could continue his work on behalf of the farmer and conservation. He was known here as the "Farmer Congressman" by his colleagues and worked hard to ensure that the interests of Eastern farmers was carried equally as important as those of the Midwest.

During his tenure in the Congress, he worked to provide funds to the States for hunter education programs and to provide additional funds for wildlife restoration.

Upon his retirement from the Congress of the United States, he returned to Loganville and continued his work on the family farm and family orchards. I am pleased to introduce this legislation and have it come to the floor, and I ask that it would be passed.

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

Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise in support of H.R. 5210, which names a postal facility after George Atlee Goodling, the father of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING), who has served with such distinction, himself, in this House.

I suppose there is no greater occasion than when we have the opportunity to pay tribute to our fathers. I know it is with a great deal of pride and satisfaction that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING) can stand today before this House and pay tribute to his father in this way.

Clearly, both Goodlings served with distinction in this House and served the people of Pennsylvania very, very well. So I take a great deal of pride and satisfaction personally in being able to be a part of joining in support of H.R. 5210, to name this postal facility after George Atlee Goodling.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5210.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 4635, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill

(H.R. 4635) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees: Messrs. WALSH, DELAY, HOBSON, KNOLLENBERG, FRELINGHUYSEN, Mrs. NORTHUP, Messrs. SUNUNU, GOODE, YOUNG of Florida, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER and Mr. OBEY.

There was no objection.

#### J.T. WEEKER SERVICE CENTER

Mr. OSE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5016) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Drive in Chicago, Illinois, as the "J.T. Weeker Service Center," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5016

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. J.T. WEEKER SERVICE CENTER.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Road in Chicago, Illinois, and known as the Chicago International/Military Service Center, shall be known and designated as the "J.T. Weeker Service Center".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the J.T. Weeker Service Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OSE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5016, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. OSE. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

H.R. 5016, Madam Speaker, names a postal facility after J.T. Weeker. The

legislation was introduced by my friend and committee colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BLAGOJEVICH), on July 27 of this year.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) representing the great City of Chicago.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I could not let this moment go by without expressing some comments relative to John Thomas Weeker, J.T., as we all called him, especially those who knew him.

He was area vice president of operations for the United States Postal Service; and, unfortunately, he passed away at an early age. It was very interesting to me that as J.T. did his work in the Midwest area, how much he was revered by the individuals who worked with and for him.

As a matter of fact, I had the occasion to attend his funeral services, and he had asked that one of his employees give the eulogy. That was a fellow that he had supervised, Rufus Porter, who is the lead executive for the Chicago post office. It was also interesting that he had asked that the Chicago Postal Choir would perform at his services. Even though he was not from the Midwest, he was not from Chicago, he had grown up on the East Coast, he had adopted the area as his home and decided that that is where he wanted to have the last comments made for him.

It is also interesting that employees of the Postal Service made the request to have this facility named for their leader. It was Rufus Porter who was the first person who suggested that there ought to be some lasting way of remembering the tremendous service that J.T. had provided to the Postal Service, and especially to the Midwest region. And so, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in bestowing this honor upon a tremendous executive who gave not only of himself, in terms of providing leadership to postal operations, but who was an integral part of his community.

A little phrase he had about moving the mail that he sometimes would like to say, when talking about a letter, clean hands gentle touch; surely we owe a letter that much. And that is how J.T. felt about the work that he did in the Postal Service.

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to join the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BLAGOJEVICH) in urging the House to adopt this resolution naming this postal facility after an outstanding public servant who worked every day to be sure that the mail arrived on time.

All too often, I think, we fail to acknowledge the contributions that are made every day by the fine employees of our Federal Government. So, Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of H.R. 5016.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OSE. Madam Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5016, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the 'J.T. Weeker Service Center'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2412) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2412

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2000".

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision of law, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 49, United States Code.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

Section 1101 is amended to read as follows:

##### “§ 1101. Definitions

“Section 2101(17a) of title 46 and section 40102(a) of this title apply to this chapter. In this chapter, the term ‘accident’ includes damage to or destruction of vehicles in surface or air transportation or pipelines, regardless of whether the initiating event is accidental or otherwise.”.

#### SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1113(b)(1)(I) is amended to read as follows:

“(I) negotiate and enter into agreements with individuals and private entities and departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government, State and local governments, and governments of foreign countries for the provision of facilities, accident-related and technical services or training in accident investigation theory and techniques, and require that such entities provide appropriate consideration for the reasonable costs of any facilities, goods, services, or training provided by the Board.”.

#### (b) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS.—

(1) Section 1113(b)(2) is amended—

(A) by inserting “as offsetting collections” after “to be credited”; and

(B) by adding after “Board.” the following: “The Board shall maintain an annual record of collections received under paragraph (1)(I) of this subsection.”.

(2) Section 1114(a) is amended—

(A) by inserting “(1)” before “Except”; and

(B) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(2) The Board shall deposit in the Treasury amounts received under paragraph (1) to be credited to the appropriation of the Board as offsetting collections.”.

(3) Section 1115(d) is amended by striking “of the ‘National Transportation Safety Board, Salaries and Expenses’” and inserting “of the Board”.

#### SEC. 4. OVERTIME PAY.

Section 1113 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) OVERTIME PAY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of this section and notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5542(a) of title 5, for an employee of the Board whose basic pay is at a rate which equals or exceeds the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-10 of the General Schedule, the Board may establish an overtime hourly rate of pay for the employee with respect to work performed at the scene of an accident (including travel to or from the scene) and other work that is critical to an accident investigation in an amount equal to one and one-half times the hourly rate of basic pay of the employee. All of such amount shall be considered to be premium pay.

“(2) LIMITATION ON OVERTIME PAY TO AN EMPLOYEE.—An employee of the Board may not receive overtime pay under paragraph (1), for work performed in a calendar year, in an amount that exceeds 15 percent of the annual rate of basic pay of the employee for such calendar year.

“(3) LIMITATION ON TOTAL AMOUNT OF OVERTIME PAY.—The Board may not make overtime payments under paragraph (1) for work performed in any fiscal year in a total amount that exceeds 1.5 percent of the amount appropriated to carry out this chapter for that fiscal year.

“(4) BASIC PAY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘basic pay’ includes any applicable locality-based comparability payment under section 5304 of title 5 (or similar provision of law) and any special rate of pay under section 5305 of title 5 (or similar provision of law).

“(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2002, and annually thereafter, the Board shall transmit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee a report identifying the total amount of overtime payments made under this subsection in the preceding fiscal year, and the number of employees whose overtime pay under this subsection was limited in that fiscal year as a result of the 15 percent limit established by paragraph (2).”.

#### SEC. 5. RECORDERS.

(a) COCKPIT VIDEO RECORDINGS.—Section 1114(c) is amended—

(1) by striking “VOICE” in the subsection heading;

(2) by striking “cockpit voice recorder” in paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting “cockpit voice or video recorder”; and

(3) by inserting “or any written depiction of visual information” after “transcript” in the second sentence of paragraph (1).

#### (b) SURFACE VEHICLE RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1114 is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(d) SURFACE VEHICLE RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS.—

“(1) CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDINGS.—The Board may not disclose publicly any part of a surface vehicle voice or video recorder recording or transcript of oral communications by or among drivers, train employees, or other operating employees responsible for the movement and direction of the vehicle or vessel, or between such operating employees and company communication centers, related to an accident investigated by the Board. However, the Board shall make public any part of a transcript or any written depiction of visual information that the Board decides is relevant to the accident—

“(A) if the Board holds a public hearing on the accident, at the time of the hearing; or

“(B) if the Board does not hold a public hearing, at the time a majority of the other factual reports on the accident are placed in the public docket.

“(2) REFERENCES TO INFORMATION IN MAKING SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.—This subsection does not prevent the Board from referring at any time to voice or video recorder information in making safety recommendations.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The first sentence of section 1114(a) is amended by striking “and (e)” and inserting “(d), and (f)”.

(c) DISCOVERY AND USE OF COCKPIT AND SURFACE VEHICLE RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1154 is amended—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“§ 1154. Discovery and use of cockpit and surface vehicle recordings and transcripts;

(B) by striking “cockpit voice recorder” each place it appears in subsection (a) and inserting “cockpit or surface vehicle recorder”; and

(C) by striking “section 1114(c)” each place it appears in subsection (a) and inserting “section 1114(c) or 1114(d)”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) In this subsection:

“(A) RECORDER.—The term ‘recorder’ means a voice or video recorder.

“(B) TRANSCRIPT.—The term ‘transcript’ includes any written depiction of visual information obtained from a video recorder.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for chapter 11 is amended by striking the item relating to section 1154 and inserting the following:

“1154. Discovery and use of cockpit and surface vehicle recordings and transcripts.”.

#### SEC. 6. PRIORITY OF INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1131(a)(2) is amended—

(1) by striking “(2) An investigation” and inserting:

“(2)(A) Subject to the requirements of this paragraph, an investigation”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) If the Attorney General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, determines and notifies the Board that circumstances reasonably indicate that the accident may have been caused by an intentional criminal act, the Board shall relinquish investigative priority to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The relinquishment of investigative priority by the Board shall