

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 141 I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS BY THE EARTH FORCE YOUTH BIKE SUMMIT**

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 314), authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) to explain his request.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me for an explanation.

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 314 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for Get Outspoken, Youth Bicycle Summit to be held on May 10, 2000, or on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate.

The resolution also authorizes the architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board and the sponsor of the event to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out of the events in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend for yielding. I also want to thank him for his leadership and sponsorship of this measure.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, my goal in Congress has been to promote more livable communities. Livable communities are those that are safe, healthy and economically secure.

There are many things that we in Congress can do to enhance livability. Whether it is requiring the Post office to play by the same rules as the rest of America by following local land use and zoning laws or by having more rational water policies to help protect and renew our waterways.

It is important that Congress lead by example and support policies and programs that contribute to the health, safety and economic security of our communities. One simple step we can take today is to support this resolution and the event that it will enable.

On May 10th, Earth Force will hold their annual Bike Rodeo on the Capitol Grounds.

This event is the culmination of a nation wide cycling education project. Children from

all of our districts were asked to devise safe bicycling routes through their communities and share their proposals with their peers.

To commemorate their efforts Earth Force holds the bike rodeo to promote youth civic involvement and teach children about safe biking techniques.

This is a fun event with an important message. In 1998, 350,000 children 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries. Collisions with motor vehicles account for 90 percent of all bicycle related deaths and 10 percent of all non-fatal injuries.

Bike safety education will go a long way to preventing these unnecessary fatalities and significantly enhance the livability of our communities.

This event is the perfect way to celebrate May as National Bike Safety Month.

I welcome the support of my colleagues on this resolution and encourage you to join Earth Force on May 10th to celebrate the leadership demonstrated by the youths they are honoring.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

**H. CON. RES. 314**

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF BIKE RODEO ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.**

The Earth Force Youth Bike Summit (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a bike rodeo (in this resolution referred to as the "event") on the Capitol Grounds on May 10, 2000, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate.

**SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The event authorized by section 1 shall be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board.

(b) **EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.**—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

**SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.**

(a) **STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.**—Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor may erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event authorized by section 1.

(b) **ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.**—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

**SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.**

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, with respect to the event authorized by section 1.

**SEC. 5. LIMITATIONS ON REPRESENTATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—No person may represent, either directly or indirectly, that this resolution or any activity carried out under this resolution in any way constitutes approval or endorsement by the Federal Government of any person or any product or service.

(b) **ENFORCEMENT.**—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board shall enter into an agreement with the sponsor, and such other persons participating in the event authorized by section 1 as the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board considers appropriate, under which such persons shall agree to comply with the requirements of subsection (a). The agreement shall specifically prohibit the use of any photograph taken at the event for a commercial purpose and shall provide for the imposition of financial penalties if any violations of the agreement occur.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 434, AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees: From the Committee on International Relations for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference, Messrs. GILMAN, ROYCE, and GEJDENSON; from the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference, Messrs. ARCHER, CRANE, and RANGEL; as additional conferees, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference, Mr. HOUGHTON and Mr. HOEFFEL.

There was no objection.

**CONFEREES TO MEET ON H.R. 434, AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that the conferees on H.R. 434 will meet in Room 1100 of the Longworth Building immediately.