CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

June 19, 2000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.

Speaker: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-
tives, the Clerk received the following mes-
sage from the Secretary of the Senate on June 16, 2000 at 12:12 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amend-
ment H.J. Res. 101.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,
JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore before the House the following communica-
tion from the Clerk of the House of Representa-
tives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the per-
mission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-
tives, the Clerk received the following mes-
sage from the Secretary of the Senate on June 16, 2000 at 1:45 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to Conference Re-
port S. 761.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,
JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

APOLOGY FOR UNWARRANTED TERM USED IN COMMITTEE HEARING LAST THURSDAY CONCERNING MERGER OF UNITED AND US AIRWAYS

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 5 minutes and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, last Thursday, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing on the proposed merger of United Airlines and US Airways. In the course of that hearing, I used an inap-
propriate and unwarranted term to de-
scribe the status of the spin-off carrier DC Air that would be created if the merger were to be approved.

Mr. Robert Johnson, CEO of Black Entertainment Television and proposed owner of DC Air, took justifiable ex-
ception of that characterization of the proposed new carrier. In a letter to me late Friday, Mr. Johnson said he is per-
sonally hurt and offended and called upon me to change my attitude.

I take the well today to apologize to Mr. Johnson and to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for my careless, inappropriate, and offens-
ive remark.

Madam Speaker, in my years of Con-
gress, I have staunchly maintained an

ABRAHAM LINCOLN INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3084) to authorize the Sec-
retary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an inter-
pretive center on the life and con-
tributions of President Abraham Lin-
coln, as amended.

The Clerk reads as follows:

H.R. 3084

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN INTERPRETIVE CENTER.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Subject to sub-
sections (b) and (c), the Secretary of the Interior shall be prepared in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Illinois and in cooperation with other public, munic-
ipal, and private entities as the Secretary consi-
der appropriate.

(b) PLAN AND DESIGN.—The plan and design for the interpretive center shall be prepared in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Illinois and in cooperation with other public, munic-
ipal, and private entities as the Secretary con-
siders appropriate.

(c) CONDITIONS ON GRANT.—

(1) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—A grant under subsec-
tion (a) may not be made until such time as the entity selected to receive the grant cer-
tifies to the Secretary of the Interior that funds have been contributed by the State of Illinois or raised from non-Federal sources for use to estab-
lish the interpretive center as a grant to at least double the amount of that grant.

(2) RELATION TO OTHER LINCOLN-RELATED SITES AND MUSEUMS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall further condition the grant under sub-
section (a) on the agreement of the grant recipi-
ent to operate the resulting interpretive center in cooperation with other Federal and non-Fed-
eral historic sites, parks, and museums that repre-
sent significant locations or events in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Cooperative efforts to pro-
mote and interpret the life of Abraham Lincoln may include the use of cooperative agreements, cross references, cross promotion, and shared ex-
hibits.

(3) PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTION OF OPER-
ATING FUNDS.—Grant amounts may not be used for the maintenance or operation of the interpretive center.

(b) NON-FEDERAL OPERATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall have no involvement in the ac-
tual operation of the interpretive center, except at the request of the non-Federal entity respon-
sible for the operation of the center.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior a total of $50,000,000 to make grants under subsection (a). Amounts so appropriated shall remain available for expendi-
ture through fiscal year 2006.