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Our Florida Governor signed this measure into law just a few weeks ago, on June 1.

The State of Florida has now taken action to authorize and commit $1.5 million in State funds for high speed rail, and we respectfully ask the subcommittee’s support and assistance and consideration in the future.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) will be able to work with my colleagues in the Florida delegation and help us identify and secure funding for this project, which also has been authorized under one of the high speed rail corridors.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MICA. I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, let me thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) for offering his comment. We would be pleased to work with the gentleman as this transportation bill moves through the appropriations process, especially as the gentleman is the chairman of a very important subcommittee over there on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Chairman, I prepared an amendment to earmark funds for fiscal year 2002 funds for the Florida project, but I will not offer that amendment today. I want to thank the chairman for his intention to work with us on this project. It is most important to the people of Florida.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) assumed the chair. Mr. CAMP, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2299) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I wanted to announce to the membership that it is my intention to file the fiscal year 2002 energy and water development appropriations bill this afternoon, which we will do following this colloquy; that the Committee has agreed to meet this afternoon at 5:00 to receive testimony to grant a rule on that bill. The House would then consider the energy and water appropriations bill sometime midday tomorrow; and I say midday because in the morning two subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations will mark up their bills. It will be midday before we could get to the energy and water bill.

With respect to the agriculture bill, it is my intention not to file the fiscal year 2002 agriculture, rural development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies appropriation bill until the apples issue is resolved. If an agreement can be reached on apples, I would expect to file the agriculture appropriations bill tomorrow.

The Committee on Rules would then meet tomorrow evening to report the rule, and the House could work into the evening on Thursday night, hoping to complete that bill before adjourning for the July 4 recess.

I share the members’ desire to finish the agriculture bill by midnight Thursday or earlier if possible. In order for us to meet this ambitious schedule, it will require the cooperation of all of our colleagues in the House, and, of course, the cooperation of the Committee on Rules, which is always cooperative.

In order for the House to complete action on the agriculture bill, I would expect that the gentleman from Wisconsin and his leadership would be prepared to enter into time agreements, as we have on previous appropriations bills, and limitations on amendments to be offered on the agriculture appropriations bill. Since we all would like to get home to our districts for the 4th of July holiday, we desire not to have a hard drive into the wee hours of the morning Friday to finish the work. Rather, if necessary, we could complete the work on the agriculture bill when we return in July.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I think that the Members will appreciate the information.

REPORT ON H.R. 2311, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. CALLAHAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–112) on the bill (H.R. 2311) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Pursuant to House Resolution No. 78 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2299.