PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 661, CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT

MARCH 2, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. Hastings of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 86]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 86, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 661, "Conditionally Prohibiting the Operation of Supersonic Aircraft," under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The waiver is necessary because the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was not able to file its report until Tuesday, March 2 and the bill may be considered in the House on Wednesday, March 3. The rule also provides that the bill be considered as read.

Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.