

LOFGREN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mrs. LOWEY):

H.R. 3555. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct an assessment of available technologies for establishing a system to access information regarding the motor vehicle driving records of all motor vehicle operators in the United States; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 3556. A bill to reduce Federal spending in several programs; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, Science, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington):

H.R. 3557. A bill to subject the United States to payment of fees and costs in proceedings relating to State water rights adjudications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H. Con. Res. 250. Concurrent resolution calling for better awareness and use of federally-supported research findings on the social and economic costs of sleep deprivation and sleep disorders; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SKEEN:

H. Res. 395. A resolution expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Steven Schiff, a Representative from the State of New Mexico; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. STUMP, Mr. JONES, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. MCCREERY, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RYUN, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. DELAY, Mr. COBLE, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan):

H. Res. 397. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's use of the White House Counsel's Office in matters relating to his personal legal battles; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

#### ¶25.29 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 59: Mr. JENKINS.  
 H.R. 453: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
 H.R. 611: Ms. STABENOW.  
 H.R. 693: Mr. GOODLING.  
 H.R. 754: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.  
 H.R. 900: Mr. BAESLER, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.  
 H.R. 980: Mr. BEREUTER.  
 H.R. 1063: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. TURNER.  
 H.R. 1126: Mr. MURTHA and Mr. BLUNT.  
 H.R. 1151: Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SPRATT, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. WELLER.  
 H.R. 1283: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr.

SKELTON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 1285: Mr. HEFLEY.  
 H.R. 1371: Mr. THUNE.  
 H.R. 1375: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon and Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
 H.R. 1376: Mr. RANGEL.  
 H.R. 1401: Mr. SHAYS.  
 H.R. 1689: Mr. WALSH and Mr. BENTSEN.  
 H.R. 1712: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.  
 H.R. 1766: Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. SANDERS.  
 H.R. 1807: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.  
 H.R. 2052: Mr. RANGEL.  
 H.R. 2198: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.  
 H.R. 2202: Mr. DIXON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 2253: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, and Mr. MARTINEZ.  
 H.R. 2351: Mr. CUMMINGS.  
 H.R. 2380: Mr. BACHUS.  
 H.R. 2409: Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. MATSUI.  
 H.R. 2488: Mr. SANDLIN.  
 H.R. 2526: Mr. FOLEY.  
 H.R. 2560: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.  
 H.R. 2567: Mr. TALENT.  
 H.R. 2568: Mr. BRYANT and Mr. CHRISTENSEN.  
 H.R. 2598: Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. COOKSEY.  
 H.R. 2695: Mr. HINOJOSA and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.  
 H.R. 2936: Mr. MORAN of Kansas.  
 H.R. 2951: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.  
 H.R. 2968: Mr. PAUL, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. METCALF, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.  
 H.R. 2973: Mr. HANSEN and Mr. HOUGHTON.  
 H.R. 2990: Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. COOK, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BLILEY, and Mrs. THURMAN.  
 H.R. 2994: Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. THOMPSON, and Mr. DOYLE.  
 H.R. 3007: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.  
 H.R. 3048: Mrs. MORELLA.  
 H.R. 3050: Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
 H.R. 3054: Mr. MANTON, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. WYNN.  
 H.R. 3065: Mr. DOOLEY of California.  
 H.R. 3068: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Ms. SANCHEZ.  
 H.R. 3107: Ms. WOOLSEY.  
 H.R. 3110: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. UPTON, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.  
 H.R. 3125: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
 H.R. 3149: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.  
 H.R. 3151: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.  
 H.R. 3156: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. TORRES, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. KOLBE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. POMEROY.  
 H.R. 3178: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. MEEKS of New York.  
 H.R. 3181: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. SCHUMER.  
 H.R. 3206: Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 3248: Mr. FORBES, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 3279: Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. KILDEE, and Mrs. KELLY.

H.R. 3284: Mr. GREEN and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.

H.R. 3438: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.  
 H.R. 3454: Mrs. MYRICK and Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 3470: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Ms. SANCHEZ.

H.R. 3471: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 3475: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. FOLEY, and Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 3502: Mr. BILIRAKIS.  
 H.R. 3522: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 3526: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 3534: Mr. GINGRICH.  
 H.J. Res. 113: Mr. LEACH.

H. Con. Res. 127: Mr. COSTELLO and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H. Con. Res. 159: Mrs. THURMAN and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H. Con. Res. 203: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H. Con. Res. 210: Mr. MORAN of Virginia and Mr. WHITFIELD.

H. Con. Res. 214: Mr. TANNER and Mr. BRYANT.

H. Con. Res. 218: Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. Con. Res. 225: Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. CARSON, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FROST, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Con. Res. 233: Mr. MANTON.  
 H. Con. Res. 246: Ms. KAPTUR.

H. Res. 182: Mr. LAZIO of New York.  
 H. Res. 313: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H. Res. 363: Mr. GREENWOOD and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Res. 392: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. SANFORD.

¶25.30 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2500: Mr. FATTAH.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998 (26)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶26.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶26.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

8235. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule— Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; Extension of Reporting Period for Peanuts Imported Under 1997 Import Quotas [Docket No. FV97-999-1 FIR] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8236. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300628; FRL-5778-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8237. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300625; FRL-5776-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8238. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Colorado; Correction [FRL-5977-5] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8239. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Promulgation of Extension of Attainment Date for Ozone Nonattainment Area; Ohio; Kentucky [OH107a; KY101-9809a; FRL-5985-9] received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8240. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio [OH103-1a; FRL-5978-6] received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8241. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Additional Update of Post-Rebuild Emission Levels in 1998 [FRL-5986-2] (RIN: 2060-AH45) received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8242. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Kuwait for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-29), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8243. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-31), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8244. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-32), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8245. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Australia (Transmittal No. DTC-21-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8246. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

8247. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 031098C] received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8248. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inshore Component Pollock in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 971208298-8055-02; I.D. 031398A] received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8249. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 and 0070 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-269-AD; Amendment 39-10310; AD 98-03-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8250. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-261-AD; Amendment 39-10300; AD 98-03-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8251. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model HS 748 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-219-AD; Amendment 39-10309; AD 98-03-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8252. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH Models 228-100, 228-101, 228-200, and 228-201 Airplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-124-AD; Amendment 39-10391; AD 98-06-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8253. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-245-AD; Amendment 39-10396; AD 98-06-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8254. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere Falcon 900 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-193-AD; Amendment 39-10395; AD 98-06-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8255. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 95-NM-38-AD; Amendment 39-10393; AD 98-06-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8256. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas,

S.A. (CASA) Model CN-235 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-162-AD; Amendment 39-10392; AD 98-06-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8257. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-114-AD; Amendment 39-10394; AD 98-06-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8258. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-145 Series Airplanes [Airspace Docket No. 98-NM-64-AD; Amendment 39-10397; AD 98-06-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8259. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; GKN Westland Helicopters Ltd., 30 Series Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-26-AD; Amendment 39-10383; AD 98-06-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8260. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Eastland, TX [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-20] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8261. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Gallup, NM [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-19] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8262. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revocation of Class E Airspace; Wrangell, AK, and Petersburg, AK [Airspace Docket No. 97-AAL-11] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8263. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Realignment of Colored Federal Airway; AK [Airspace Docket No. 97-AAL-10] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8264. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wagoner, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-03] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8265. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pawnee, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-02] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8266. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coalgate, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-01] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8267. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Miami, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-11] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8268. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Idabel, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-09] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8269. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Henryetta, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-08] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8270. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; McAlester, OK [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASW-10] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8271. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revision to the NASA FAR Supplement Coverage on Alternative Dispute Resolution [48 CFR Part 1833] received March 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

8272. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Contract Financing [48 CFR Parts 1832 and 1852] received March 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

### ¶26.3 POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. SHUSTER rose to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to rule IX, recognized Mr. SHUSTER for one hour.

Mr. SHUSTER made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker, many years ago, Joseph McCarthy in Wheeling, West Virginia stood up and waved papers and said he had the names of 57 Communists in government. Well, he got lots of headlines but, of course, he was eventually proved to be a liar. I am reminded of that event, although I certainly make no such charge here today.

"Mr. Speaker, three of our colleagues have made numerous statements in the media that we have been, quote, 'buying votes,' to get them to support our BESTEA transportation legislation in exchange for projects which we have given them. Indeed, conversely, that we have been threatening Members that if they did not vote with us, they would not get the projects.

"Let me make this very clear. I challenge these Members to name one person, one person whom I went to and said they will get a project in exchange for their vote. I challenge them to name one person who I threatened that

they not get a project if they voted against us.

"Indeed, if we look back at the battle we had here last year on the budget resolution where we had our transportation amendment, I urge my colleagues to go look at Members who voted against us and then look at the projects they are receiving today. This is simply a blatant falsehood.

"Now, no doubt many Members support our legislation because it is important to their district, because it is important to America, because they are getting projects that they have requested and which have been vetted through our 14-point requirement.

"It seems that in life sometimes there are those who, when one takes a different view from their view, they must somehow ascribe some base motivation. They simply cannot believe that because someone disagrees with them, that another's motives can be as pure as theirs. Indeed, sometimes it seems as though the smaller the minority they represent, the more incensed they become, because they view themselves as more pure, more righteous, more sanctimonious than the larger majority of us who are mere mortals. But I do not ascribe any of these motives to our colleagues. I prefer to believe that they simply are misinformed.

"Mr. Speaker, the supreme irony, the supreme irony is that the three individuals who have been attacking us, attacking our motives, attacking our integrity, have submitted projects to us for their own congressional districts.

"Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), ranking member of the full committee."

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) for yielding.

"Mr. Speaker, I join in the gentleman's indignation, to put it mildly, over these attacks that are totally unjustified, unfounded, and inappropriate for Members of this body to make.

"First of all, the projects in question have gone through a very thorough and careful vetting process according to a 14-point outline that the committee fashioned, which includes a requirement that the project be on the State's priority or State's future project development list. The points that are included in the review of projects are all the points that States use to measure validity of projects that their transportation departments will fund.

"After reviewing all of these projects and ensuring that they meet standards accepted by States and that these are projects necessary in a Member's district, we accept the Member's judgment as to what is necessary for his or her district, and those projects are included in this package, as was done in 1991 in the previous transportation bill.

"Mr. Speaker, I could understand Members disagreeing with the process, but I do not approve, I am offended by the use of language and by the accusations made. The gentleman from Penn-

sylvania has been a vigorous advocate for transportation since before he was elected to Congress in 1972 and since taking his place on the then-Committee on Public Works and now-Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Under his chairmanship, he has waged a nationwide campaign for increased investment in the Nation's portfolio of bridges, highways, buses, transit systems, but above all, its safety. He is a champion of safety.

"The gentleman's drive to increase spending out of the highway trust fund, tax dollars that have been collected at the pump but not paid into projects for which driving America has already been taxed, is clear and well known and widely respected, open and clear for everyone to review.

"So when the gentleman from Pennsylvania or I, together on a bipartisan basis, present our program to our respective caucuses and to this body and ask for their support, we do so very clearly, very openly, without any hidden agenda. And for Members then to say that they have been somehow browbeaten, whipped into line, or threatened is totally inappropriate and totally untrue.

"As a strong and vigorous advocate for his viewpoint, I respect the gentleman from Pennsylvania and I respect those who take a differing viewpoint. They are entitled to that viewpoint. They are also entitled to the fair share of funding that we have designated without any questions, without any quid pro quo.

"We respect and always have respected the Members' right to vote their district and their conscience. We would ask them, and I do not think there is anything inappropriate to ask a Member to support this legislation, but we respect their right not to.

"Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from Pennsylvania has conducted himself with the highest dignity, with the appropriate character of a Member of Congress of this distinguished body, in the same manner that he has done for his 26 years in the House of Representatives. I join with him in reproving those who have used such inappropriate language. It is an assault upon the integrity of the chairman of this committee, a Member who has championed the cause for all of America for better transportation, better investment in the future of our economy, and I salute the gentleman from Pennsylvania."

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for those words.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHUSTER. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) for being a chairman and taking care of the jurisdictional authority which he is in charge of. I am tired of the "pork barrel" labels on the gentleman from