

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 7, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has been served with a subpoena (for documents) issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and directed to the "Keeper of Records."

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, the Committee will make the determination required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF
THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINIS-
TRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 8, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") has been served with a subpoena (for documents) issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and directed to the "Keeper of Records."

After consulting with the Office of the General Counsel, the CAO will make the determinations required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

JAY EAGEN,
Chief Administrative Officer.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON-
ORABLE LYNN N. RIVERS, MEM-
BER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable LYNN N. RIVERS, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 18, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the Third Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Michigan in the case of *Marcus Management, Inc. v. Robert Marquess, et al.*, Case No. 97-715508 CK.

After consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena relates to my official duties, and that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

LYNN N. RIVERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER) laid before the House the

following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 12, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 2702(a)(1)(B)(vi) of Public Law 101-509, I hereby appoint as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Mr. Roger Davidson, 3510 Edmunds Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE, Clerk.

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HONORING AND REMEMBERING
PRINCESS DIANA

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with the House, that on Thursday, the House will be voting on a resolution honoring and remembering Princess Diana. I think every Member of the House joins literally millions of people across the planet in grief for the Princess, for her family, for the others who were killed in the accident and their families, and for the unnecessary tragedy that ended her life.

She had been a leader, not only in charming everyone who met her, but in working on key charitable causes, working on helping those with AIDS, working on banning land mines, working with the Red Cross, working with the homeless, and working on breast cancer.

I think across the world people have been drawn together in a sense of grief and sadness at this absolutely unnecessary tragedy, and the House tomorrow will extend formally by resolution the feelings of the American people as represented by this body to her family and to the people of Britain.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO
OFFER A MOTION TO INSTRUCT
CONFEREES ON H.R. 1119, NA-
TIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXVIII, clause 1(c), I am announcing that tomorrow I will offer a motion to instruct the House conferees on the bill, H.R. 1119, to insist upon the provisions of section 1032 of the House bill relating to the assignment of Department of Defense personnel to border patrol and control.

JOIN THE MISSING AND EX-
PLOITED CHILDREN'S CAUCUS—
THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE
DONE

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues how I spent part of my August recess. I spent several days searching in the woods of Galveston County, TX, looking for a young woman who was abducted. Seventeen-year-old Jessica Lee Cain was driving home from a party in the early morning hours on Sunday, August 16. She never made it home, though her truck was found by the side of the road with her wallet still sitting on the front seat.

Well, Jessica is still missing. Last week, she would have begun her studies at Sam Houston State College, just a few days after her 18th birthday. We pray that whoever is responsible for her disappearance will return Jessica unharmed.

Mr. Speaker, I founded the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus this past spring when 12-year-old Laura Smither, also from my district, was found abducted and found murdered. That we could have two such tragedies in the same area within months is beyond comprehension. However, on behalf of the Smither and Cain families, we must work harder to protect our precious children.

I ask my colleagues to pray for Jessica and the Cain family and to join me in the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus. There is much work to be done.

THE TIME FOR TALK IS OVER ON
EDUCATION REFORM AND BET-
TER SCHOOLS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, politicians love to make a lot of noise about education reform and better schools. Ever since the report, "A Nation At Risk," came out in 1983, calls for education reform have been part of every politician's repertoire, but nothing seems to change, and parents with children in bad schools have the impression that reformers are more interested in rearranging the deck chairs than they are about serious changes.

Mr. Speaker, that is about to change. That is because more and more parents are insisting on real changes in the educational opportunities available to their children.

Two ideas that will not go away are school choice and education savings accounts. They will not go away because both ideas are as American as apple pie, freedom to choose and savings for the children's future, and because it is awfully hard to argue with the results. With Milwaukee and Cleveland leading the way, school choice is the wave of the future, and education savings accounts will become part of that movement for greater educational opportunities.

The time for talk is over; now is the time for real change.

HOUSE NEEDS TO CONDUCT HEARINGS TO EXAMINE ELEMENTS OF PROPOSED TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Congress should not rubber stamp the recently proposed tobacco settlement that benefits the tobacco industry more than the public. As I understand it, the settlement will give tobacco companies immunity from liability, enable companies to prevent disclosure of potentially revealing documents, provide a financial windfall for company executives through increased stock options, restrict future Food and Drug Administration regulation, and not adequately accomplish the goal of reducing teenage smoking.

Mr. Speaker, today my Senator from New Jersey, Senator LAUTENBERG, launched a campaign to gain access to tobacco industry documents that could remain under wraps if the agreement gains the approval of Congress. I support that effort, and I think the House also should support that effort.

Much work needs to be done, and I think that Congress, and particularly the House, needs to move forward with hearings to further examine the elements of this tobacco settlement. As it stands now, the settlement is a winner for the tobacco industry and a loser for our children. Let us work to change that outcome.

SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE AND EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, education funding has been on the rise for years, but we have not seen improvement in our public schools. SAT scores are down, and dissatisfaction is growing among teachers, parents, and students. Still we just keep throwing money at a broken wheel. It is time to fix the wheel and stop putting taxpayers' dollars in a bottomless pit.

Two reform measures, school choice and education savings accounts, can help get America's education system back on track. These ideas give parents the freedom to choose the best schools for their children's education and to save for their children's future. School choice and education savings accounts are the reforms we need to finally begin to fix education in America.

Mr. Speaker, these ideas are the free-market solution to a very serious problem. These solutions are right for parents and children throughout our Nation. For the sake of education in America, I urge my colleagues to support school choice and education savings accounts.

RIGHT ON, MRS. BARRON

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, on the advice of their accountant, the Barrons of New Hampshire took an \$80,000 investment loss. Years later, the IRS came in, they said no, and they hit the Barrons with a \$330,000 tag in penalties and interest; \$330,000, unbelievable. The pressure was so great Bruce Barron killed himself. After the death, the IRS took the home, took everything they had.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

Under a new law, Mrs. Barron is suing the IRS, and I say, right on. I hope the IRS gets their assets kicked all the way up to their gestapo tactics. The IRS, after all, has deserved it; the IRS has earned it.

Think about it, Congress, and I yield back all the rest of that IRS loan sharking and ripoffs of interest and penalties.

OPPOSE H.R. 1270, THE NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, while Members of this House were in their districts during the August recess, ABC News reported to a national television audience just what I have been saying in this very well for the past 8 months, that despite numerous scientific evidence to the contrary, the Federal Government is going to find Yucca Mountain, NV, as a suitable site for nuclear waste storage.

The news report highlighted that despite problems with fragile rock formation, migrating groundwater, volcanoes, and active earthquakes, Federal agencies always find a way to ignore them first by lowering the standards and then by lowering the safety standards to the site suitability. More than \$3 billion has already been spent on Yucca Mountain, and the site has been found to be scientifically unsuitable.

Later this year, Congress will consider a bill that proposes we spend billions more of taxpayer dollars to fund another study that will tell Washington bureaucrats just what they want to hear. This is not just a Nevada issue; this is an issue of safety for all Americans. I urge my colleagues to get the true facts and oppose the H.R. 1270.

KOREAN AIR FLIGHT 801 TRAGEDY

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, while the rest of the Nation has turned its attention to other matters, we on Guam are still reeling from the worst air disaster of our island's history. On August 6, 1997, a Korean Air 747 en route from Seoul crashed into a hill 3 miles short of the runway of the Won

Pat International Airport on Guam. The jet carried 254 people, with 227 having perished.

I rise today to express the condolences of the people of Guam to the victims' families. We share their pain most intimately not because the crash occurred on Guam, but also because the people on that plane were not entirely strangers. Amongst the dead, eight were returning Guam residents of Korean decent. Amongst the survivors, there were four returning home.

I would also like to draw this body's attention not only to the grieving families, but also to the men and women who spent countless hours in search and rescue efforts as well as family assisting actions. The NTSB's efficient investigation of the airline's crash is exemplary. However, a tragedy of this magnitude leaves many questions unanswered. I strongly urge a public hearing on the crash of KAL 801 to be held on Guam.

URGING CORRECTION OF FEDERAL JUDGE'S DECISION REGARDING FORESTS IN EAST TEXAS

(Mr. BRADY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, during the district work period this August, my wife and I spent a few days among the beautiful forests in our national parks, but I am deeply disturbed by a decision, another out test decision by a Federal judge in Beaumont, who decreed because he disagreed with how our Forest Service is managing parts of the lands in Texas, he called and ordered an injunction, halted all logging among our east Texas forests.

This action, irresponsible and damaging, not only causes the Federal Government to fault on our contracts to small businesses, it has stopped our small businesses in Texas affiliated with lumber and timber. It is hurting the counties, 12 east Texas counties. They rely upon that \$4 million to help balance their budget every year. And, in fact, it is an impediment to those of us who seek a balance among our environmental assets, who seek to have a forest and parks and lands in our country that is properly managed. It is a disturbing action by a Federal judge and one we ought to take action to correct.

THE FAMOUS AVOIDANCE GAME ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no more important issue for this Congress to address in the waning hours than the need to reform our corrupt campaign finance laws.