

Those who want to say that the complaints about this ballot began only when the pivotal nature of the vote in Palm Beach County was apparent to the world are wrong. The protest began on election morning, when the first voters left the polls confused by this ballot, this illegal ballot.

Now, for example, you had one individual, Kurt Wise, who is president of the United Civic Organization at the Century Village Retirement Community, who said elderly voters confusion with the butterfly ballot was brought to his attention. People were crying. They were coming to us asking questions. The ballot form was lousy. They did not even know who they had voted for.

That is the report of the Washington Post from last Saturday. Tears the very morning of the election, not the morning after.

Then when some elderly voters became aware that the ballot had caused them to make a mistake, they were not given a second ballot, as is their right under Florida law if they turn in their damaged ballot. Bernard Holtzer, a retirement community inhabitant, said that after he unintentionally voted for Pat Buchanan, and after looking at this ballot you can see how he would make that mistake, a clerk refused his request for a second ballot. "I told the clerk I made a boo-boo and that I wanted a new ballot, and she told me there was nothing I could do about it." That was the New York Times, reporting last Saturday.

Then there were the poll workers who were told not to help voters with the problem, or any problem. They were under strict instructions to turn away voters who came to them with questions. Louise Austin, a precinct worker in Bolston Beach, said after getting beseeched by questions, she and other workers turned the voters away who were seeking assistance. "People were coming up to me, and I had to follow the directive, do not help anyone, do not talk to anyone." That is the report of the New York Times from last Saturday.

So we see that there were a lot of problems in Palm Beach; a confusing ballot, a ballot in violation of Florida statute, and a Florida Supreme Court decision from 2 years ago that makes it clear that, under these circumstances, a new vote in Palm Beach is called for.

But before we get to whether there is a new vote in Palm Beach, we have to get an accurate count of the votes cast on election day, and that is why I am so disappointed and saddened that the Governor of Texas is trying so hard to prevent an accurate count.

Again, let me turn to the statute he signed into law in Texas. A manual recount shall be conducted in preference to an electronic recount. When confronted by this, James Baker had to stop talking about precision machines, because the machines in Florida and those in Texas are identical, and in Texas Governor Bush signed the law

that said the human being outranks the machine.

He instead had to talk about standards. He has not shown us the standards in Texas; but what is worse, he has not suggested particular standards to any county in Florida. If James Baker has good standards, if George W. Bush has good standards, if somewhere in the deep bowels of the bureaucracy of Texas there are standards that could be helpful in providing the best possible manual recount, we ought to see them.

Instead, we are told that the machines are better than the human being. A machine that would take the ballot of a veteran of World War II and disenfranchise that veteran because there was a crease in the ballot, that is not a machine that should determine the Presidency of the United States.

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So to sum up, Mr. Speaker, we have a misleading ballot in one county that was illegal and under Florida law should lead to a new election in that county. We have a recount that should ultimately, under the laws of the State of Florida, lead to being the tally of manual recounts in the 40 counties in which those manual recounts were duly applied for, and if Mr. Bush wants to announce to the world that he is suddenly in favor of manual recounts, then I do not see anyone who would oppose him if he tried to get a manual recount in some of those other counties. I would point out, though, that I think James Baker would have a tough time being his spokesperson on that issue.

Speaking of Mr. Baker's acting as spokesperson, there is one small aspect of this I really want to focus on, and that is the tendency of those on the Bush side to insult the parents of the campaign chairman on the Gore side. We have many heated debates here in the House, but I have never insulted the father of any Member, and I never thought that even if the father of a Member of this House had done something erroneous or wrong, that that would be a reason to discard and discount what that Member had to say. So why is it that James Baker finds it necessary to insult Bill Daley by insulting his father, as if insulting a man's father proves the rightness of one's case. If the best debater they have, James Baker, has nothing to say but "so is your old man", then they have run out of things to say on the Republican side.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that democracy will prevail in this country.

## OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, October 5, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: On Wednesday, September 27, 2000, the committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §606, approved twenty-two resolutions concerning GSA's FY 2001 Capital Investment Program.

Please find enclosed copies of these resolutions.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,  
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: AMENDMENT—UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE, LAREDO, TEXAS

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, that pursuant to Section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized for the construction of a 147,196 gross square foot United States courthouse, including 34 interior parking spaces, located in Laredo, Texas, at an additional construction cost of \$9,000,000, for an estimated construction cost of \$34,372,000 for a combined total cost of \$45,372,000, a modified prospectus for which is attached to, and included in, this resolution. This resolution amends Committee resolution dated February 5, 1992, which authorized appropriations in the amount of \$20,390,000 for site acquisition and construction; Committee resolution dated May 13, 1993, which authorized appropriations in the amount of \$3,793,000 for site acquisition and design; Committee resolution dated May 17, 1994, which authorized appropriations in the amount of \$24,341,000 for management and inspection costs, and the estimated construction costs; and Committee resolution dated July 23, 1998 which authorized appropriations for additional site costs of \$500,000, additional management and inspection costs of \$2,233,000 and an estimated construction cost of \$25,372,000.

*Provided*, That the construction of this project does not exceed construction benchmarks as established by the General Services Administration.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FRESNO, CA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 531,976 rentable square feet of space for the Internal Revenue Service currently located at 5045 E. Butler, Fresno, CA, at a proposed total annual cost of \$9,841,556 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, WASHINGTON, DC

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 339,247 rentable square feet of space and 12 parking spaces for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, currently located at 500 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. at a proposed total annual cost of \$14,248,374 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease. The General Services Administration is authorized to enter into an interim lease, pending award of a lease authorized by this resolution, provided that the term of any such interim lease may not exceed 8 years in length, inclusive of options.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, DC

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 113,525 rentable square feet of space for The Department of Justice, currently located at 901 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,768,050 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 151,367 rentable square feet of space and 10 indoor parking spaces for the Veterans Administration, Department of Justice, General Services Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission, currently located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, Washington D.C. at a proposed total annual cost of \$6,357,414 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WASHINGTON, DC

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Rep-*

*resentatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 95,569 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, currently located at 470/490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington D.C. at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,013,898 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, WOODLAWN, MD

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 824,563 rentable square feet of space and 2,132 surface parking spaces for the Social Security Administration, currently located at 1500 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn, Maryland at a proposed total annual cost of \$14,347,396 for a lease term of 15 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ROCKVILLE, MD

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 143,494 rentable square feet of space and seven parking spaces for the Department of Health and Human Services, currently located at 6010 Executive Blvd and 2101 E. Jefferson, Rockville, Maryland at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,161,326 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, GARDEN CITY, NY

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 86,250 rentable square feet of space and 625 outdoor parking spaces for the Immigration and Naturalization Service currently located at 711 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY, at a proposed total annual cost of \$3,536,250 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all

tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE AMENDMENT—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 452,262 rentable square feet of space for the Internal Revenue Service currently located at 11601 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at a proposed total annual cost of \$5,776,341 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends the Committee resolution of November 10, 1999, which authorized a lease for up to 452,262 rentable square feet of space at an estimated maximum annual cost of \$6,726,312 for five years.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ARLINGTON, VA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 170,459 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Defense currently located at Ballston Center Tower One, 800 N. Quincy St, Arlington, Virginia at a proposed total annual cost of \$5,454,688 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, ARLINGTON, VA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. § 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 81,313 rentable square feet of space and 3 parking spaces for the Department of Labor, currently located at Ballston Center Tower Three, 4015 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia at a proposed total annual cost of \$2,602,016 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PHILADELPHIA, PA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the

Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. 606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 160,200 rentable square feet of space and 38 parking spaces for the General Services Administration currently located at the Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,806,000 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, LAS VEGAS, NV

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 106,955 rentable square feet of space and 160 parking spaces for the Federal Bureau of Investigation currently located at 700 East Charleston Boulevard, 333 North Rancho Drive, 5145 Cheyenne Avenue, 21 North Pecos and 1202 Sharp Circle in Las Vegas, Nevada, at a proposed total annual cost of \$2,620,398 for a lease term of 15 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, STOCKTON, CA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 1,439,694 rentable square feet of space for the General Services Administration—Federal Supply Service currently located at Rough and Ready Island, Stockton, California at a proposed total annual cost of \$2,764,212 for a lease term of five years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION REVIEW, NORTHERN VIRGINIA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 152,650 rentable square feet of space and 100 indoor parking spaces for the Department of Justice—Executive Office of Immigration Review, currently located at multiple locations throughout Northern Virginia at a proposed annual cost of \$4,884,000 for office space, and a proposed annual cost of \$114,000 for parking, for a proposed total annual cost of \$4,998,000 for a lease term of

ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, IL

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 76,200 rentable square feet of space and 140 parking spaces for the United States Secret Service, currently located at 300 S. Riverside, Chicago, Illinois at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,267,200 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, BALTIMORE, MD

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 311,713 rentable square feet of space and 89 structured parking spaces for the Department of Transportation, Small Business Administration, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Corps of Engineers, currently located at the City Crescent Building, 10 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Maryland at a proposed annual cost of \$8,416,251 for a lease term of 15 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WOODLAWN, MD

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 131,169 rentable square feet of space and 164 structured and 11 surface parking spaces for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, currently located at 7142 and 7127 Ambassador Road and 3100 Timanus Lane, Woodlawn, Maryland and 1520 Caton Center Road, Catonsville, Maryland at a proposed total annual cost of \$5,094,604 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE, SEATTLE, WA

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 56,210 rentable square feet of space and 93 indoor parking spaces for the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Customs Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, currently located at 1000 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington at a proposed total annual cost of \$2,529,450 for a lease term of ten years, five years firm, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, BALTIMORE, MD

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 392,482 rentable square feet of space for the National Institutes of Health Bayview Research Center, currently located at the Bayview Campus of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland at a proposed total annual cost of \$20,016,582 for a lease term of 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: LEASE—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives*, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 220,000 rentable square feet of space for the Federal Trade Commission, currently located at 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. at a proposed total annual cost of \$9,240,000 for a lease term of ten years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FARR of California (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness.