

AUTHORIZATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY RACES ON CAPITOL
GROUNDS

MAY 7, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 255]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 255) authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution as amended be agreed to.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY RACES ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the "Association") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races, on the Capitol grounds on July 11, 1998, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate.

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The event to be carried out under this resolution shall be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board; except that the Association shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

For the purposes of this resolution, the Association is authorized to erect upon the Capitol grounds, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event to be carried out under this resolution.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements that may be required to carry out the event under this resolution.

SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITIONS.

Nothing in this resolution may be construed to waive the applicability of the prohibitions established by section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds.

House Concurrent Resolution 255, as amended, authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby qualifying race, scheduled for July 11, 1998, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate. The resolution also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association, the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds. The event is open to the public and free of charge; and the sponsor will assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities related to the event. In addition, sales, advertisements, and solicitations, are explicitly prohibited on the Capitol Grounds for this event.

The race is to take place on Constitution Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Third Street, NW. Participants competing in the event range from ages 9 to 16. These participants come from Washington, D.C. and the surrounding communities in Virginia and Maryland.

The event provides the participants, spectators, tourists and residents of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area with a safe and enjoyable day of activities. The soap box derby races in Washington, D.C. have taken place for over 50 years, and it is currently one of the largest races in the country. The winners of the local event will represent the Washington Metropolitan Area in the National race, to be held on August 8, 1998, in Akron, Ohio.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XI

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

(A) The Committee did not hold hearings on the resolution and therefore have no oversight findings or recommendations pursuant to clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(B) The requirements of section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are not applicable to this legislation since it does not provide new budget authority or new or increased tax expenditures.

(C) The Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of oversight findings and recommendations pursuant to clause 4(c)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(D) The estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, is as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, D.C., May 6, 1998.

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
 House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 255, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is John R. Righter.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

*H. Con. Res. 255—Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for
 the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby*

H. Con. Res. 255 would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to use the Capitol grounds on July 11, 1998, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate. Because it would require that the association assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event, CBO estimates that passage of H. Con. Res. 255 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. The resolution would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to House concurrent resolutions.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is John R. Righter. The estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(l)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursuant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

In compliance with clause 2(1)(2) (A) and (B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, at a meeting of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 6, 1998, a quorum being present, House Concurrent Resolution 255 was unanimously approved by a voice vote and ordered reported.

