

members of the Committee staff shall be available to all members of the Committee.

RULE XVII. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF.

(a) APPROVAL.—Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and staff. Travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Travel shall be authorized by the Chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

- (1) The purpose of the travel.
- (2) The dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made.
- (3) The location of the event for which the travel is to be made.
- (4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVEL.—In the case of travel of members and staff of a subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of such subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the chairman of such subcommittee in writing setting forth those items enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a) and that there has been a compliance where applicable with Committee Rule VI.

(c) TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee or of a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the Committee or pertinent subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the Chairman, or, in the case of a subcommittee from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

- (A) The purpose of the travel.
- (B) The dates during which the travel will occur.
- (C) The names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.
- (D) An agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of Committee jurisdiction involved.
- (E) The names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) INITIATION OF REQUESTS.—Requests for travel outside the United States may be initiated by the Chairman or the chairman of a subcommittee (except that individuals may submit a request to the Chairman for the purpose of attending a conference or meeting) and shall be limited to members and permanent employees of the Committee.

(3) REPORTS BY STAFF MEMBERS.—At the conclusion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting, or conference for which travel has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each staff member involved in such travel shall submit a written report to the Chairman covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS, RULES, POLICIES.—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel, and by the travel policy of the Committee.

**RECOGNIZING SHERIFF O'BRIEN'S
30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize someone in my district, John O'Brien, who is the sheriff of Lincoln County. It is in honor of his 30 years of law enforcement in Lincoln County, I extend a sincere thank-you to Sheriff O'Brien on my own behalf and on behalf of all of the citizens of Lincoln County.

Our laws are of little utility if no one makes sure they are followed. Seldom do we take the time to recognize the routine achievements that allow our Nation to function as it should. Many times it is only the pitfalls, the unfortunate breakdowns in our system, that draw attention to law enforcement. Such fickle evaluation of our law enforcement officers is manifestly unjust. The fact is that the grand majority of our days are without incident. The rule of law reigns. The people reject upheaval.

These points demonstrate that the greatest victories of law enforcement are its contributions to regularity. We never recognize the people who give us plain, old, ordinary days. Perhaps we should.

Accordingly, it is with great pride that I congratulate Sheriff John O'Brien. His bravery, dedication and service in building a safer and stronger community have provided the people with Lincoln County with thousands of wonderfully uneventful days.

Sheriff O'Brien's career demonstrates a commitment to public service to which every officer of the law should aspire. John O'Brien began his career as a sheriff's deputy on February 6, 1973. The people of Lincoln County elected him to the office of Sheriff in 1994 and have subsequently seen fit to elect him to second and third terms. As all of us are aware, voters are properly cautious in selecting the people who represent them.

An official's first election often indicates a willingness in the people to chance their own best interests on someone who has shown that he has the ability to succeed. That official's second election is very often a barometer of the official's contact with the

electorate during his term of service. With his third election comes proof that he has served his constituents to their satisfaction.

This is the satisfaction of Lincoln County reflected in its overwhelming choice of Sheriff O'Brien as the public face of law enforcement in their community. The confidence of Lincoln County's voting public in Sheriff O'Brien attests to the success of his efforts and his responsiveness to the people he serves.

I would like to tell a little story about John O'Brien. Every time, at the coast, at Lincoln County, John is always at my meetings. And I keep asking him, "John, you are always here." He says, "I just want you to know that we are here, what our needs are, and I want you to understand about our community."

To this day, John O'Brien remains an active protector of Lincoln County's public safety. He has risen to meet the challenges of an increasingly difficult job. Changing times have altered the issues with which Sheriff O'Brien is faced, but he has shown the ability to adapt and battle new problems with modern solutions.

Lincoln County has in recent years encountered an increase in the manufacture and sale of methamphetamines. Sheriff O'Brien has turned this growing problem into an opportunity to spearhead innovative new crime-reduction strategies. Through his work with the federally supported Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team, Sheriff O'Brien has encouraged the sharing of resources and information between county agencies with an interest in reducing drug traffic. This work not only demonstrates Sheriff O'Brien's desire to get results, but also his complete disregard for who receives credit for those results. His willingness to work with other agencies in facing down a dangerous trend is evidence of a cooperative spirit and a will to succeed that we honor here today.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff O'Brien is worthy of recognition today for more than simply putting in his time. While 30 years of service in the public interest is a feat in itself, Sheriff O'Brien's true contribution has been in its effect on Lincoln County. Today we recognize that Lincoln County is a better place to live, to work and raise a family because of the devotion of Sheriff John O'Brien.

I thank John for his 30 years of service given in the pursuit of safety, justice and peace.

**PUBLICATION OF THE RULES OF
THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES
108TH CONGRESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I request that the Committee Rules for the Committee on Resources be submitted for the RECORD.