

“Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part III” and inserting “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part IV”.

(3) EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS.—Subparagraph (B) of section 9503(b)(5) of such Code is amended by striking “August 1, 2004” and inserting “October 1, 2004”.

(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR CORE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a core highway program, subsections (b)(5) and (c)(1) of section 9503 of such Code shall be applied by substituting “September 25, 2004” for “October 1, 2004”.

(B) CORE HIGHWAY PROGRAM.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “core highway program” means any program (other than any program carried out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and any program carried out by the Federal Motor Carrier Administration) funded from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account).

(b) AQUATIC RESOURCES TRUST FUND.—

(1) SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACCOUNT.—Paragraph (2) of section 9504(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part III” each place it appears and inserting “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part IV”.

(2) BOAT SAFETY ACCOUNT.—Subsection (c) of section 9504 of such Code is amended—

(A) by striking “August 1, 2004” and inserting “October 1, 2004”, and

(B) by striking “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part III” and inserting “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part IV”.

(3) EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS.—Paragraph (2) of section 9504(d) of such Code is amended by striking “August 1, 2004” and inserting “October 1, 2004”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) TEMPORARY RULE REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS.—During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 and ending on September 30, 2004, for purposes of making any estimate under section 9503(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of receipts of the Highway Trust Fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall treat—

(1) each expiring provision of paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 9503(b) of such Code which is related to appropriations or transfers to such Fund to have been extended through the end of the 24-month period referred to in section 9503(d)(1)(B) of such Code, and

(2) with respect to each tax imposed under the sections referred to in section 9503(b)(1) of such Code, the rate of such tax during the 24-month period referred to in section 9503(d)(1)(B) of such Code to be the same as the rate of such tax as in effect on the date of the enactment of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING DISMAY OVER ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SANDY BERGER

(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, I rise today to express my profound dismay

over the allegedly criminal activities of former National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and his apparent theft of classified terrorism-related documents from the National Archives.

As a former Air Force officer and current subcommittee chairman on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I am used to dealing with and protecting highly classified materials. I would have presumed that Mr. Berger was also.

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Yet, it appears that Mr. Berger smuggled his stolen documents out of a secure area in his socks and down his pants. That is correct, in his socks and down his pants, Mr. Speaker. If it was not so serious, it would be comical.

Are we expected to believe that this was all some sort of innocent mistake? The Wall Street Journal likened such a pitiful excuse to the old “the dog ate my homework” routine.

Mr. Speaker, there are two critical concerns here. First is the apparent premeditated theft of highly classified material, presumably to be withheld from the 9/11 Commission and; second, what was in these stolen documents that would cause a former National Security Adviser to risk his reputation and potential jail time to cover up. I want to know the answers to these questions, and I want Mr. Berger to be held accountable for his actions. I suspect the American people do as well.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 8, 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 479, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF OR HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 22, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if he is not available to perform this duty, the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 7, 2004.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

POLYGAMY IN ELDORADO, TEXAS

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would just point out in the gentleman from Washington's comments, Sandy Berger is not the issue. Why was he fired by the Kerry campaign?

I am really here this morning to talk about H.R. 3313, the Marriage Protection Act, and I wanted to bring to the House's attention an article that appeared in one of my hometown papers, the Fort Worth-Star Telegram earlier this month.

This article dealt with a polygamy sect that is taking over the town of Eldorado, Texas, and their lawyer Rodney Parker disputes the allegation of abuse, saying that detractors had taken beliefs out of context. He went on to say marriages of 16-year-olds and occasionally younger happen, but they are not commonplace, his words. None of these girls is being held prisoner.

He went on to say, I think polygamy is constitutionally permitted. He said all manner of sexual relationships are now permitted. To somehow single this one out and say it is illegal does not make sense.

Mr. Speaker, I would submit that our efforts today to protect the Defense of Marriage Act that was passed in 1996 are right on target and worthy of the support of everyone in this House.

I will include the article I referred to earlier for the RECORD at this point.

[From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, July 6, 2004]

ELDORADO.—First it was going to be a hunting lodge.

Then a retreat.

But as each new dormitory-style building goes up, residents here become a little more apprehensive as a secretive polygamist sect prepares to occupy a ranch four miles outside Eldorado.

Locals say they have good reasons for feeling uneasy about their new neighbors.