

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR
THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

MARCH 23, 2000.—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. 277]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution 277, authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby qualifying race, scheduled for June 24, 2000, 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, displays, 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 races in Washington, D.C. have taken place for over 55 years, and it is currently one of the largest races in the country. Winners of this event will represent the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area in a national soap box competition held in Akron, Ohio.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On March 16, 2000, the Committee met in open session and ordered reported H. Con. Res. 277, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association, approved March 15, 2000, by the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, by voice vote with a quorum present. There were no recorded votes taken during Committee consideration of H. Con. Res. 277.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with ordering H. Con. Res. 47, as amended, reported. A motion by Mr. Franks to order H. Con. Res. 277, favorably reported to the House was agreed to by voice vote, a quorum being present.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 3(d)(2) 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.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee references the report of the Congressional Budget Office below.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on the subject of H. Con. Res. 277.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 277, from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H. Con. Res. 277—Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby

H. Con. Res. 277 would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to use the Capitol grounds on June 24, 2000, 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. 277 would result in no significant cost to the federal government.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is John R. Righter. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII 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.