

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2000.

Hon. LARRY COMBEST,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1504, the Plant Protection Act, authored by our colleague Congressman Canady. This bill was primarily referred to the Committee on Agriculture and additionally referred to the Committee on Resources, among others.

After reviewing the amendments to the bill, I have no objection to it going forward and will not object to the Committee on Resources being discharged from further consideration of the measure. As you note in your letter, this action is not intended to waive jurisdiction over this or similar provisions. I would also ask you to support the Committee on Resources request to be represented on any conference on this bill, or a similar measure, if one should become necessary. Finally, I ask that you include our exchange of letters on H.R. 1504 in the Committee on Agriculture's report on the bill or in the official file on the bill.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to help expedite consideration of this bill. I appreciate your cooperation and that of John Goldberg of your staff, and look forward to working together on other matters of mutual interest in the future.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

GARRETT A. MORGAN TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM POETRY CONTEST

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight Regional winners from my Congressional district of the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program Poetry Contest. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following talented students for their exceptional submissions—Emily Erkinen, Kerri McCarthy, Jack Bavaro, Krista Duchnowski, Caroline Flannagan, and Luke Nickerson of Clinton, Massachusetts; Mackenzie Bernier of E.S. Brown School in Swansea Massachusetts; and Timothy Leger of Thacher Elementary School in Attleboro Massachusetts.

The Futures Program is named for Garrett Augustus Morgan, one of the country's finest innovators in public protection and public safety. In 1923 he patented the nation's first traffic signal, which was used throughout North America before being replaced by our current system. Seven years earlier Mr. Morgan had made national news for using a gas mask that he had developed to enable him to go into a tunnel under Lake Erie to rescue several trapped men. In his honor, the Program was created to better prepare America's students—with math, science, and technology skills—for entering the transportation workforce in the 21st century.

Following are the winning poems. I'm sure all of my colleagues join me in congratulating all of this year's participants.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT

1st Place: Emily Erkinen Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA

An Airplane can fly very high. I would like to fly an airplane. Right through the clouds I would go. Pilots drive the airplane. Lots of birds fly along. A great way of transportation. Now the airplane has landed. End of the ride, let's go home.

2nd Place: Kerri McCarthy Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510

How that hot air balloon floats up in the sky Oh look, there's another and another and one more oh my That one has purple all over the tie And Look! I see a purple line I think I see a blue one too Round and round the higher it floats Balloons float up in the air And all of them spread everywhere Look at the purple one Look at the blue Oh how pretty they look don't you think they do? Oh no one just popped what are we going to do! Now I'm off bye, bye, I do miss you too!

3rd Place: Jack Bavaro Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510

Hot Air balloons don't go very far They're even slower than a car. But they can glide in the sky. Just like a bird flying high.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades 4-6)

1st Place: Mackenzie Bernier E. S. Brown School Swansea, MA 02777

"TRANSPORTATION"

What makes transportation really neat, Is that we no longer have to use our feet. We can ride a bike, or drive a car, We can take a plane to go very far. We can hop on a bus to get out of the rain, We can catch a subway, or take a train. There are ferry boats and cruise lines too, And trolley cars for me and you. There are great big trucks for moving freight, And limos for that special date. Who knows, someday very soon, There might be transportation to the moon!!

2nd Place: Timothy Leger, Thacher Elementary School Attleboro, MA 02703

"TRANSPORT"

Trains transfer trucks to Turkey. Cars carry crackers to Colorado. Submarines ship snowboards somewhere. Dump-trucks deliver dirt to Denver. Helicopters haul huge hats. Canoes carry cats to California. Boats bring bicycles back.

3rd Place: Krista Duchnowski Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510

No boats, planes, cars? Walking on your own two feet? Not in this day and age. Walk to school? Carry my books? Take the bus I say. Dream of crossing the ocean? Never see France? Let's fly my friend. Paddle to the islands? Take a raft? Hey dude, fire up the motor! Run across the country? Get tired and SWEAT? Chugga, chugga, take the train! Walk, run, paddle, WORK? Do it yourself? Transportation does it for me!

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades 7-8)

1st Place: Caroline Flannagan Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510

Cavemen used the feet they had Until the idea of a wheel we had Ships allowed us to sail the seas Making men's dreams realities The car was invented as time went by Orville and Wilbur soon did fly Rockets and space-ships were shot into space Bringing man to a whole new place Transportation keeps us on the go In the future we don't know.

3rd Place: Luke Nickerson Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510

Henry Ford, and the Wright Brothers were men with vision, Just like the man who invented the television. This Country uses modes of transportation like planes, autos, and trains To go to work so that we can in-

vent more, and use our brains. Now that we have reached a destination, Aren't you proud of this great nation? For the resources and modes of transportation, Just think, in 1969 of Armstrong and space exploration. We need to stop, and think of where we are going. If flight is in your plans, try a 747 Boeing.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES MEIER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Charles Meier of Okawville, IL. Charles was recently inducted into the Illinois Jaycees Recruiters Hall of Fame.

He was inducted for his successful efforts to recruit many new members into the club during his 21 years as a Jaycee. His recruitment efforts have brought in new members from an area that extends from Steeleville and Waterloo to Interstate 64.

I want to congratulate Charles on receiving such a prestigious honor. I wish him the best as he continues to serve.

IN HONOR OF THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BAYONNE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne (CCB) on its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1970 by Frank P. Perrucci, CCB was established as an instrument for concerned citizens to take action on a variety of national and state issues. CCB is a perfect example of the influence that a civic organization can have on our political system. This organization levels the playing field, providing ordinary citizens with the opportunity to affect the political process, reducing the disproportionate influence of special interest groups.

The CCB supports several community organizations and charities: the Bayonne Hospital Cancer Treatment Center; the Windmill Alliance; Deborah Hospital, the Bayonne PAL; Bayonne Little League; Bayonne Babe Ruth Baseball; the Bayonne Family YMCA Day Care Center; and Bayonne for the Battleship New Jersey, Inc.

CCB actively supports fines and jail terms for ocean dumping, opposes self service gas stations in New Jersey, and has opposed extreme wrestling exhibitions in Bayonne.

Committed to helping its community, CCB is a strong advocate for senior citizens, conducts activities for the veterans at the East Orange V.A. Hospital, and has been a participant in Toys for Tots for the past thirty years.

In 1990, on its 20th anniversary, CCB established the Frank P. Perrucci Scholarship Award, and in 1995, on its 25th anniversary, established the Frank P. Perrucci Civic Achievement Award to recognize extraordinary individuals who have volunteered their time and efforts for important causes.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne