

make. This low-cost design was manufactured and tested. The tests showed it performed as well as the expensive design. Thus, this low-cost design will now be incorporated into the government's baseline design. When this part goes into production, it will now cost a little over \$2,000 each instead of the \$14,000, resulting in production program savings of about 80 percent of the original cost estimate.

Another example of an affordability project under way is the electronic card carrier set, one of which is shown here. The current design is a set of fully machined metal pieces that would cost approximately \$4,000 a set if manufactured in production today as originally designed.

The low-cost alternative design uses die cast pieces with very little machining. If these are successfully fabricated and tested later this year, the Navy will achieve a very substantial cost savings with this part as well. The low-cost design is expected to cost approximately \$200 per set and result is a cost savings of almost that full \$4,000 of the original estimated cost, or about 95 percent.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the ATT affordability program has been extremely successful and must stay the programmatic course in order to protect our sailors and ships when they are in harm's way. The projects completed in 2003 and 2004 are expected to save \$31.2 million of taxpayer money when the ATT goes into production. More projects are planned in 2005 through 2007. We estimate the government will save \$15 in production costs for every \$1 spent in this affordability effort.

Developing and maintaining the best military in the world comes with a price. In an extremely tight budget environment, any program that can save money should be applauded and supported.

I congratulate Barber-Nichols, Inc., of Arvada, Colorado; ARL-Penn State, and certainly the Navy for their efforts with the ATT program and hope other such collaborative design projects will provide for our security, protect our troops and use taxpayer dollars as prudently as possible.

**APPOINTMENT OF HON. MAC THORNBERRY OR HON. WAYNE T. GILCHREST TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JUNE 7, 2005**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLE of New York) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,  
Washington, DC, May 26, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY or, if he is not available to perform this duty, the Honorable WAYNE T. GILCHREST to act as Speaker pro tempore to

sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 7, 2005.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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

There was no objection.

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**APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLE of New York). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill (except title X) and the Senate amendment (except title V), and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, PETRI, BOEHLERT, COBLE, DUNCAN, MICA, HOEKSTRA, LATOURETTE, BACHUS, BAKER, GARY G. MILLER of California, HAYES, SIMMONS, BROWN of South Carolina, GRAVES, SHUSTER, BOOZMAN, OBERSTAR, RAHALL, DEFAZIO, COSTELLO, Ms. NORTON, Messrs. NADLER, MENENDEZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. FILNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 8001-8003 of the House bill, and title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NUSSLE, MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Spratt.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 1118, 1605, 1809, 3018, and 3030 of the House bill, and sections 1304, 1819, 6013, 6031, 6038, and 7603 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. KLINE, KELLER, and BARROW.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of provisions in the House bill and Senate amendment relating to Clean Air Act provisions of transportation planning contained in sections 6001 and 6006 of the House bill; and sections 6005 and 6006 of the Senate amendment; and sections 1210, 1824, 1833, 5203, and 6008 of the House bill; and sections 1501, 1511, 1522, 1610-1619, 1622, 4001, 4002, 6016, 6023, 7218, 7223, 7251, 7252, 7256-7262, 7324, 7381, 7382, and 7384 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, PICKERING, and DINGELL.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of section 4205 of the House bill, and section 2101 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, PLATTS, and WAXMAN.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 1834, 6027, 7324, and 7325 of the Senate

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. COX, DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1211, 1605, 1812, 1832, 2013, 2017, 4105, 4201, 4202, 4214, 7018-7020, and 7023 of the House bill, and sections 1410, 1512, 1513, 6006, 6029, 7108, 7113, 7115, 7338, 7340, 7343, 7345, 7362, 7363, 7406, 7407, and 7413 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENBRENNER, SMITH of Texas, and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 1119, 3021, 6002, and 6003 of the House bill, and sections 1501, 1502, 1505, 1511, 1514, 1601, 1603, 6040, and 7501-7518 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. POMBO, WALDEN of Oregon, and KIND.

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of sections 8004 and 8005 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DREIER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 2010, 3013, 3015, 3034, 3039, 3041, 4112, and title V of the House bill, and title II and sections 6014, 6015, 6036, 7118, 7212, 7214, 7361, and 7370 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. EHLERS, REICHERT, and GORDON.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title X of the House bill, and title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMAS, MCCRERY, and RANGEL.

For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DELAY.

There was no objection.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of business in the district.

Mr. MENENDEZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

**SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED**

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.