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The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:34 a.m., in Room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. John L. Mica [chairman of the committee] presiding.

Mr. Mica. I am pleased to call the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to order.

First off, I have to thank our ranking member and the Democrat leader of the committee for his willingness to serve. I don't think you can find a better partner. I enjoyed working with Jim Oberstar so much, and all of you on both sides of the aisle know what a tremendous guy Jim was, his incredible knowledge.

But you never know what fate has in store for any of us. We are only here temporarily at the will of the People, and they made changes. And your side made changes, and so has ours.

But if you are going to pick a ranking member, I don't think I could have done better. I have always respected Mr. Rahall. He also has an incredible reputation -- those new members who don't know him -- for his bipartisan leadership, for the manner in which he conducts himself with both sides of the aisle, and we have had a great start.

Jim, his staff director -- we have got two Jims here -- Jim Coon. I am grateful for all of our staff. And we look forward to working. And I know every one of the Democrat members by name and have worked with you, and we reach out to you.

This has been one of the most bipartisan committees. It will continue to be. And I know Nick and I share your input, your full participation in the process. We have already started that way, and we will continue that way. So thank you again, and I thank you for the kind of words and the introduction. You recognized my wife and

family, and they have been forbearing in all of this. My chief of staff, Rusty Roberts, for many, many years is here and others. Thank you so much.

And to my side of the aisle, thank you for the leadership -- we have got senior members here -- and for the confidence you have placed in me. And we will all work together to get the country back moving.

We heard the President last night, and we have got to get people in jobs and get the economy going. And that is, I think, the mission of our committee. So I look forward to doing that, and we will do it together.

I do want to keep the meetings as short as possible. But we have already made a pledge to -- as Elizabeth Taylor said to her sixth husband, we won't keep you too long. But we do want to get our business done in a cooperative manner and then try to proceed with our official business before the committee and subcommittees on an expedited basis.

So, with that, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the first meeting of the 112th Congress of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. And in particular, my first duty is to welcome our new members. We have many returning members on the Democrat side.

What I am going to do, as we have so many of you, I am going to start with Mr. Hunter, ask you to introduce yourself, new members. We have 20 new members on our side of the aisle. Mr. Hunter is the senior member. He was here for another term. Everyone else is new.

But Mr. Hunter, your district, just a tad about yourself, and we will go right down the line, and we will catch Mr. Reed.

Mr. Hunter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am Duncan Hunter from San Diego, the 52nd District of California. And it is an honor to be on this committee because of all the needs that Southern California especially faces. I am on the Water Subcommittee, and I look forward to working with everybody here.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Reed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It is an honor and a privilege to be on this committee. I am Tom Reed from New York 29. That is the Finger Lakes region. I grew up in the City of Corning and live in a house my grandfather built.

I am committed to this committee because it is through our infrastructure that we can unleash the private sector and get this economy going again. So I think that is proper Federal spending, and it is a privilege and honor to be here. And I look forward to working with all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Thank you very much.

Dr. Harris. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am Andy Harris from Maryland's First Congressional district, a physician by training. And the First Congressional District, of course, includes a lot of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Thank you.

Mr. Crawford. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am Rick Crawford from Jonesboro, Arkansas. That is the First Congressional District and that is the Delta region of Arkansas. It

is a privilege to be on this committee.

Ms. Herrera Beutler. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Jaime Herrera Beutler. I am from Southwest Washington's Third Congressional District. It is an honor to be on this committee. I look forward to getting some good work done.

Mr. Guinta. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Frank Guinta from New Hampshire, First Congressional District. I live and reside in Manchester, New Hampshire. Prior to this I was mayor of the great city. And I look forward to working with each and every one of you on moving our country forward.

Mr. Hultgren. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Randy Hultgren, Illinois 14, just about 30 miles west of Chicago, the northern swath across the northern part of Illinois over to Iowa. Illinois is a thoroughfare for the nation, and yet infrastructure is struggling there. So I am very much looking forward to being a part of the work on the Transportation Committee, getting America working again.

Mr. Fincher. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Stephen Fincher of Tennessee 8, Frog Jump, Tennessee. I look forward to working on the Transportation Committee. Bordered on the west by the Mississippi River, the east by the Tennessee River, FedEx, Memphis, a key part of our State and our country moving forward. So an honor to serve. Thank you.

Mr. Hanna. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Richard Hanna, New York 24. Thirty years in the

infrastructure business. And I am hoping that I can find an intersection between the practical and the theoretical here. So I am honored to be here and look forward to working with you.

Mr. Meehan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am Pat Meehan from Pennsylvania's Seventh District, right outside of Philadelphia, an area with a lot of complex infrastructure issues, from rail to ports to highway.

Like Richard, I have a background in construction. I went and worked my way through college on the back of an asphalt truck. And I have to tell you, this is the better end of the business.

Mr. Gibbs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Bob Gibbs. I reside in Holmes County, Ohio. I represent Ohio's 18th District, which is geographically the largest district in Ohio, 16 counties. And Ohio is a key State in transportation because we are within about 500 miles of three-quarters of the population of the United States and move a lot of commerce. And I look forward to working on this committee and as we work to prioritize and make our investments to improve infrastructure and move commerce and people. Thank you.

Mr. Long. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Billy Long. I am out of Missouri 7, Springfield-Joplin-Branson area, southwest part of the State. We are seventh in highway miles in the United States. I also have two out of the three biggest rail yards in Missouri. So I am very honored to be on this committee.

Dr. Bucshon. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Larry Bucshon from southwestern Indiana, Indiana's Eighth Congressional District. I am a cardiovascular surgeon, prior to November 4th. We are currently building an interstate right through my district from Evansville to Indianapolis. And I am really honored to be on the committee, and I look forward to working with everyone. Thank you.

Mr. Farenthold. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Blake Farenthold. I am from the 27th District of Texas that extends from Corpus Christi to Brownsville, including the surrounding communities of King Ranch and Padre Island National Seashore. I am excited to be here to provide for the transportation needs of this country.

Mr. Cravaack. Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Chip Cravaack. I am from Minnesota Eight, which is the northeastern portion of Minnesota. It is good to come down here to Washington, D.C., to warm up. So I am glad to be here. I am looking forward to using my background as a commercial airline pilot working on the Aviation Subcommittee. And it is truly a privilege to serve. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Barletta. Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

I am Lou Barletta from Pennsylvania 11, northeastern Pennsylvania. My background was mayor of a city, the City of Hazleton, for 11 years and also as a business owner in the highway building and owned the sixth largest pavement marking company in the country. I

understand as a mayor what transportation and infrastructure will mean for economic development and understand as a highway business owner what this committee means for jobs. I am honored to be here.

Mr. Mica. Mr. Landry, do you want to pick up?

Mr. Landry. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Jeff Landry from New Iberia, Louisiana. I represent Louisiana's Third Congressional District. It is the coast of the Mississippi River. I have more maritime jobs in my district than any other State in this great country. It also is the energy corridor of the country. We send \$7.8 billion to the Federal Treasury every year from oil and gas off our coast. And I certainly am excited to be here.

Mr. Mica. We are going to have a translator for Mr. Landry.

Mr. Southerland. Mr. Chairman, I am Steve Southerland. I represent Florida's Second Congressional District. In our district, we have I-10, I-75, Federal highways, as well as the country's newest airport, Panama City Beach. So receiving flights daily from BWI. So, please, everyone come down to our beautiful beaches. Thank you very much.

Mr. Denham. Mr. Chairman, Jeff Denham, California's 19th District, representing Yosemite, Fresno, Modesto. And while highways, aviation, water, all of these various issues are very important, I think our biggest opportunity to reform government here is our public buildings and creating some efficiencies thereof. So I am honored to be on this committee.

Mr. Mica. Well, thank you.

And I think that is all of them, except we have one missing, Mr. Lankford. He is from Oklahoma. Maybe he will join us. He has a conflicting thing, and he actually chairs a subcommittee on another committee.

So that is our side of the aisle with the new members.
Congratulations and welcome.

It is not in the script here, but let me just take a minute. First of all, I want to thank your side for providing us with a lot of great people, Jimmy -- where is Jimmy Miller? He is running around here. Jimmy goes back and forth, and he served the Democrats and the Republicans so well. We picked up a number of folks who -- on your side of the aisle, who are great. I see Sharon Barkeloo, who is out there, who has returned. And she is going to be doing some of our budget issues.

We have got most of the clerks and the technical people are all the same folks, people who have served the committee well for many, many years, and we are pleased to welcome all of you back.

Even though we have, again, taken the majority, we want to make sure we take care of our own. And they are great public servants. Let us give them a hand.

One more quick liberty. Just so everybody knows and maybe, Nick, you can do your side, the staff that is here. Let us go through -- Jim is going to be our staff director on the committee. Just introduce yourself and tell what you do.

Mr. Coon. I am Jim Coon. I am staff director.

Mr. Mica. Suzanne.

Ms. Mullen. Hi. I am Suzanne Mullen, the general counsel.

Mr. Mica. It was a Newhouse. It is Newhouse Mullen, and then she has got a little bambino, too.

Ms. Amy Smith. Hi, I am Amy Smith. I am the policy director.

Mr. Mica. Was Amy Steinmann and now it is Smith. No bambino so far, but she is working on 8 months -- of marriage.

Mr. Mathews. I am Dan Mathews, and I am the staff director of the Subcommittee on Economic Development.

Mr. Tymon. Jim Tymon. I am the staff director of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee.

Mr. Rosa. Jason Rosa, legislative assistant.

Mr. Rayfield. John Rayfield, staff director for the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee.

Mr. Mica. We have got some more up there.

Steve.

Mr. Martinko. Steve Martinko with the Railroad Subcommittee and Bill Shuster.

Mr. Mica. John.

Mr. Pawlow. John Pawlow, counsel with the Water Resources Subcommittee.

Mr. Bowman. Geoff Bowman, Water Resources Subcommittee.

Ms. Rose. Joyce Rose, staff director of the Railroad Subcommittee.

Mr. Anderson. John Anderson, staff director for Water Resources

and Environment Subcommittee.

Ms. Woodruff Lyons. Holly Woodruff Lyons, staff director for the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Mr. Mica. That is another one, Holly Woodruff Lyons. They get married on us.

But we are very happy to have this staff. Any on our side we missed.

Where is Justin?

Mr. Harclerode. Justin Harclerode, communications director.

Mr. Mica. Well, that is some of our folks. And we have lengthier bios on our members. And there is going to be a prize. Anyone who can name all of the new members will get a special prize. We are going to have a Lexus parked out in back that you get the keys to.

But, again, welcome, and we thank the staff for their service.

And we have, again, a full briefing book that has the rules we will consider in a few minutes and all of the information about, again, the folks that we have just heard from.

[The information follows:]

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Mr. Mica. Let me now recognize Mr. Rahall for any introductions or whatever.

Mr. Rahall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And I will be brief. First, do not let your staff, please, eliminate the lower tiers just yet that is empty on our side. Don't eliminate that yet. We may need it here in the next 2 years. Let me begin by --

Mr. Mica. Hey, I had to wait 4 years.

Mr. Rahall. Let me begin by offering my congratulations again on your being elected as chairman of the Committee on T&I, and congratulate all of the new members that have just introduced themselves as well and the returning members.

Together we do have a great opportunity to rebuild America, not only to address our critical infrastructure needs but also to create family wage construction jobs and increase our global competitiveness. We are faced not only with an opportunity but in my view a pressing responsibility to move forward on a variety of fronts, whether it be highways, transit rail or airport, port levy and then waterway or wastewater infrastructure.

The question is whether or not we will rise to this challenge. And I certainly believe this committee has the potential to do that. Members of both parties fight to be other than this committee because they believe in our infrastructure. We have heard the old saying, there are no Republican bridges, no Democratic bridges; there are only America's bridges. And during my 34 years on this committee, I found

that to be true each and every year.

Nevertheless, we all know that party politics is strong. It is often said that partisan differences on foreign policy stop at the water's edge. Let us stand together even against party leaderships if necessary and let politics stop at this committee's door. This is the great bipartisan tradition to this committee. In working together, we can rebuild America.

So, again, Mr. Chairman, I offer my congratulations, and I extend it to all of the members of this committee that have just joined us.

Mr. Mica. I guess we have all senior returning members. Were there any new members or members that --

Mr. Rahall. Our new members -- I have lost my sheet on our new members.

Mr. Mica. We will get them as they come, and they are all welcome.

Mr. Ranking Member, do you want to do a quick staff introduction so we know who these folks are?

Mr. Rahall. On our full committee staff, you have already introduced Jim Zoia, who is sitting to my immediate left and has been with me for over three decades.

Where is Ward?

Ward McCarragher is right here, our chief counsel; Ann Adler, deputy chief of staff; Blake Androff, the director of communications.

Where is Blake? In the back there.

Lisa James, executive assistant. She he is not here today. Kim Le, staff assistant. That is the full committee.

On our Subcommittee on Aviation, Giles Giovinazzi, our staff director; Alex Burket, counsel; Sarah Blackwood, professional staff; Julia Rowe, staff assistant and press assistant.

Where is Julia? She is not here right now.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation: Ken Kopocis, our staff director; Dave Jansen, professional staff; Dominick Carroll, staff assistant, in the back.

On the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, Elliot Doomes, counsel; Janet Erickson, counsel; Joseph Wender, counsel; Dominick Carroll, staff assistant.

On the Highways and Transit Subcommittee, Jim Kolb, staff director; Helena Zyblikewyz, professional staff; Steve Feldgus, our professional staff; Allison Camden, professional staff; Nahal Hamidi, staff assistant, in the back.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials: Jennifer Esposito, staff director; Rachel Carr, counsel; Nick Martinelli, professional staff; Dominick Carroll, staff assistant.

And the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment: Ryan Seiger, counsel; Jean Flemma, professional staff; David Wegner, professional staff.

And that is our staff, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mica. Well, thank you.

And again, I know all of the members appreciate the staff work on both sides and that we charge them, too, in working together to keep the committee moving forward as they have done in the past.

Let me just say that -- and we will move right ahead now with the first order of business for the committee, and that is consideration and adoption of the rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 112th Congress.

A copy of the proposed rules is in your briefing notebook together with a summary of proposed changes to the rules from the 111th Congress. These proposed rules were made available to members prior to the meeting. There are nine changes that make the committee's rules. And all these changes I understand make the rules conform to the House Rules. So that is why we are doing this and all hopefully ensuring transparency and accessibility to the committee's activities.

There are two changes to improve how the committee operates, allowing myself and Ranking Member Rahall the ability to shorten the time for member statements; and requesting members and staff trip reports to be filed with the committee within 15 days of the committee travel.

Finally, there is a technical change to the update, the subcommittee ratios, which came from the 111th Congress to now the 112th. Everybody sees these. We did a side-by-side comparison. I think we worked together on that.

So I think I would like to recognize Mr. Rahall for any comment.

Mr. Rahall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I do support the adoption of the committee rules. And I appreciate the bipartisan fashion in which you have worked with us on this, and I yield back.

Mr. Mica. Is there any discussion on the pending changes to the rule?

If not, then I recognize Mr. Rahall for a motion.

Mr. Rahall. I move that the rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now before us be approved and adopted and the rules of the committee for the 112th Congress.

Mr. Mica. The question is on the motion.

All in favor say aye.

All those opposed, nay.

The motion is agreed to. Pursuant to the House Rules and the rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the 112th Congress, they will be printed and made available to all members of the committee and the public. And I will also put it on the committee Web site.

We need now to approve as the next order of business the subcommittee chairs and ranking minority members. I have again -- we won't go over all of these, but I will just mention the principal positions. They are all in your notebook.

Mr. Petri from Wisconsin will chair the Subcommittee on Aviation. Mr. Cravaack from Minnesota will be the vice chairman.

Mr. LoBiondo from New Jersey will chair the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee. And he is from New Jersey. Mr. Landry of Louisiana will be our vice chair.

Mr. Denham from California will chair the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Mr. Crawford, the gentleman from Arkansas, will be the vice chair.

Mr. Duncan will resume his position and be subcommittee chairman for Highway and Transit. Mr. Hanna from New York, he will be our vice chair of that.

Mr. Shuster from Pennsylvania will be our chair on Railroads, Pipelines, Hazardous Material. Mr. Reed of New York, he will be our vice chair.

Mr. Gibbs will be our new chair on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. And Ms. Herrera Beutler of Wisconsin will be our -- I am sorry. I said Wisconsin. I meant Washington. I know very well. She has got a great history. Read her bio, and she could probably run the show better than most of us. She has served in Congress, and we are very proud to have her leadership as vice chair of that subcommittee.

I now recognize Mr. Rahall to give us his rundown on subcommittee and ranking members.

Mr. Rahall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Now that we have heard from the old men, I am going to introduce the veterans on our side of the aisle.

First is the ranking member on our Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Mr. Peter DeFazio, its former chairman.

Former chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation now as ranking member, Mr. Jerry Costello of Illinois.

From the District of Columbia, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will be serving as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on

Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Former chairlady, now ranking member of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, Representative Corrine Brown of Florida.

Congressman Rick Larson will serve as our ranking member on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

And Congressman Tim Bishop will serve as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

I move that the list of subcommittee chairs and ranking members be approved.

Mr. Mica. Is there any discussion on the motion by Mr. Rahall?

If not, all in favor of the assignments and designations that have been set forth, signify by saying aye.

Opposed?

The motion is agreed to. I want to congratulate all of our chairs and ranking members and vice chairs. This is a great team, and we are ready to move forward.

We now have, ladies and gentlemen, appearing for the first time in the committee a little bit late, but he is here, Mr. Lankford.

Do you want to introduce yourself?

Mr. Lankford. I certainly can. James Lankford from Oklahoma and Oklahoma City specific. I was running behind. As I am learning as a freshmen, there are three committees that I am assigned to simultaneously that I am trying to participate in currently. And due to our congressional requirement of no cloning, I can only make one

at a time.

Mr. Mica. Welcome. We did get the other new members and didn't want to miss you.

Our next tact is to approve the list of majority and minority subcommittee assignments, a copy of which is also included in your briefing book. We have done our best to accommodate subcommittee assignment requests for all of our members. And I believe the members hopefully are pleased with their assignments, and I know they will be productive in their work on the committees they have been assigned.

I recognize Mr. Rahall.

Mr. Rahall. Mr. Chairman, I support the list of our subcommittee assignments that is before each member.

Mr. Mica. Is there any further discussion on the assignments? If not, I recognize Mr. Rahall for a motion.

Mr. Rahall. Mr. Chairman, I move that the list of subcommittee assignments be approved.

Mr. Mica. If there is no further discussion, the question is on the motion.

All in favor signify by saying aye.

Opposed, nay.

It passes. Okay.

And our final order of business today is to adopt the committee's oversight plan. Our committee faces a number of challenges in the 112th Congress, and we must continue, as you know, and you heard Mr. Rahall say that we have got an important responsibility to the

American people. We want to improve our infrastructure, but I want to say we also don't want to burden taxpayers. We have got to do more with less and find ways to utilize our resources more efficiently. These will be difficult challenges, but I think we have a strong mutual commitment to get the country moving in the right direction.

I recognize Mr. Rahall.

Mr. Rahall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Pursuant to the House and committee rules, each Congress the committee adopts an oversight plan, and it is submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration. Oversight activities fulfill a number of purposes. These activities include ensuring executive compliance with legislative intent, improving the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of governmental operations and assessing agencies' ability to carry out program objectives.

The committee is also specifically charged with investigating and eliminating waste, fraud and abuse and mismanagement.

Mr. Chairman, while I do not agree with the way in which some issues are presented in this oversight plan, I do not object to it being approved by the committee.

Mr. Mica. Thank you.

Is there further discussion on the oversight plan? I would like to recognize Mr. Duncan for a motion?

Mr. Duncan. Mr. Chairman, I move that the oversight plan be adopted.

Mr. Mica. We have a motion to adopt the oversight plan.

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Those opposed, nay.

The plan is adopted.

Let me just in conclusion here -- and we want to keep this train moving and on schedule -- discuss a couple of agenda items.

I had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Rahall. I think he and I agree on some of the priorities that we have got to get done. I think I have talked to some of the members, and I think the country and the committee deserve our -- as our first objective getting an FAA bill out.

Mr. Costello, Mr. Petri and others who have worked on this, we passed the bill -- actually I helped author it in 2003 as chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee. It expired in 2007. We have done 17 extensions, and we are going to pass a bill some way. So I need everybody on the committee pushing for that. And let's get that forward and get it done. It costs money; 11 percent of our GDP comes from the aviation industry. People aren't working. We need policy projects, and we need our whole blueprint for the aviation industry set forth, and I am counting on you.

The next thing concurrently, and you all know this, is we have got to do a major transportation bill. That has expired, too. I am counting on every one of you. We are going to do a cross country tour, starting I hope in West Virginia, in the ranking member's State, and then we are going to go at least to a dozen States across the country, starting the 17th and finishing on the 25th of February. So we will

be at a location near many of you, and we will go to other locations.

But what we want to do is get as many good ideas in and your contributions, both sides of the aisle, you have got something that can do a better job, do it faster, better, quicker, more efficiently, we want to hear about it; we want the provisions in the bill.

It is going to be an open process. I don't have anything I can write out. I don't have -- I am going to be as flexible as a Barbie doll. But they are pretty flexible, aren't they?

In any event, we are going to get the darn thing done, and you are going to be part of it, and we are going to launch it. So we need to get that out second.

We need to do another WRTA bill at some point. We will figure that one out. Our Coast Guard legislation expires in September, and we want to have a reauthorization as soon as possible, not too far down the pipe.

There are many other issues. And I welcome them. If you have got an idea that will save money -- right now that is the focus of this new Congress -- and speed things up, give it to us. Maybe we can pass some things that we can get to the floor even faster because that is what the leadership of the Congress is looking for now. So I am open to suggestions and for, again, your full participation. Thank you for coming today.

Mr. Rahall, any concluding final comments?

Mr. Rahall. No, Mr. Chairman.

As we have discussed and you have discussed now in the full

committee, I agree with the priorities that you have established and let's move forward.

Mr. Mica. Well, one other thing, too, is I would like each of -- we have subcommittee chairmen and ranking members here now on both sides of the aisle. I want you all to meet in a bipartisan fashion before we move forward with the FAA bill, with the transportation bill, with any of these bills, and invite as many members as possible. We will make the facilities available. You know, I love the roundtables. I want any member who wants to discuss anything they want to see in or out of the bill, bipartisan both all together before I see any language or anything. Before we, Mr. Rahall and I, get a chance to see that, we want you to have a participatory role in developing this legislation.

So we are going to do it in a little bit different fashion, and FAA, we are going to have to do that immediately, if not sooner. So that is one of the things I would just like to see us do, and I think we can come up with a better product if we do it in that fashion.

So -- well, again, I thank everybody for coming. I am honored to receive the gavel and the challenge, and the most important thing that we could have and we can do in this year is get people back to work in our infrastructure bill and allow everybody to have a little bit of the American dream.

Some of you are dreaming about being where I am. I know Mr. Rahall is. Somebody on either side will be here sooner than you know it, and it does happen in a hurry. I am happy to have my little

turn at this honored leadership position.

There being no further business to come before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 11:13 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]