

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF
THE TRANSPORTATION & HUD APPROPRIA-
TIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. DENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report, insert the following:

The Committee is concerned with the length of time the FAA is taking to process manufacturers' petitions to be included on the list of approved Portable Oxygen Concentrators (POCs) under the Special Federal Aviation Regulation 106 (SFAR 106). SFAR 106 permits passengers to carry on and use certain POCs on board aircraft if the devices are determined to be acceptable by established safety standards and aircraft operators ensure certain safety conditions are met. Delays in the current process threaten to dissuade the investment of manufacturing companies in the United States in the development of innovative new technologies. The Committee urges the FAA to follow through on its 2005 commitment to promulgate a performance-based standard for all POCs so specific manufacturers do not have to pursue formal rule-making for each device model. In the interim, the Committee urges the FAA to establish a procedure by which

SFAR 106 petitions are reviewed and processed not later than 6 months after the initial submission.

