

CONGRESSIONAL SOAP SCULPTING COMPETITION

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INT. HOUSE CHAMBER

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE is at the podium.

SPEAKER

On the floor right now is house
resolution 556, a vote on the house
federal budget for fiscal year 2017

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REP ROGERS

Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER

For what purpose does the gentleman
from Kentucky seek recognition?

Representative HAL ROGERS (R-Kentucky) is at his podium.

REP ROGERS

Mr. Speaker, before we vote on
resolution 556, I would like to
present resolution 352, which
honors Millard Middle School's big
win in the Pike County Soap
Sculpture Contest this past
Saturday.

SPEAKER

Uh, the chair requests an
explanation for introducing such a
resolution right before a budget
vote?

REP ROGERS

No real explanation, I just
promised the little buggers that I
would pass a house resolution
recognizing their soap sculpting
achievement before the day is done.
The budget vote will take all day,
but this should be real quick.

SPEAKER

(sighs)

Fine, pursuant to council
resolution 352, the amendment
printed in the house report --

KEVIN BRADY (R-Texas) takes another podium.

REP BRADY
Mr. Speaker!

SPEAKER
The chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

REP BRADY
I would like to attach a rider to this resolution, allocating 155 million dollars for a similar soap sculpting competition to be held in Montgomery county, my district.

SPEAKER
You're kidding, right? 155 million dollars for a soap sculpting competition --

REP BRADY
I request that the speaker acknowledge house resolution 215, allowing funds for soap sculpting competitions to be requested when a soap sculpting resolution is brought up before the house.

DAN KILDEE (D-Michigan) takes yet another podium.

REP KILDEE
Mr. Speaker!

SPEAKER
(heavy sigh)
The chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

REP KILDEE
I would also like to attach a rider to this resolution, allocating 250 million dollars for a soap sculpting competition to be held in my home district. --

REP BRADY
I ask the chair to recognize the Soap Sculpting Fairness and Equality Act of 2005, which reads;
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(MORE)

REP BRADY (CONT'D)
 if more than one house member
 requests a soap sculpting rider,
 then a congressional soap sculpting
 competition will be held and the
 victor will be granted the funds."

Rep Brady holds up a griffin carved from a bar of soap.

REP BRADY (CONT'D)
 I would like the chair to recognize
 the griffin that I have carved out
 of a bar of Dove Extra Care soap as
 my official entry.

Rep Kildee holds an Empire State building carved out of soap.

REP KILDEE
 I would like the chair to recognize
 this Empire State Building I carved
 out of a bar of Irish Spring as my
 official entry.

SPEAKER
 We're not having a soap sculpting
 competition to allocate millions of
 dollars --

NITA LOWEY (D-New York) speaks up. She has a chart on a easel
 behind her.

REP LOWEY
 Mr. Speaker!

SPEAKER
 What?!

REP LOWEY
 I would like the speaker to
 recognize the fact that
 representatives Rogers, Kildee, and
 Brady are backed by the "big bar
 soap" lobby. I have a chart here
 that shows how much money these
 representatives have taken from bar
 soap fat cats like Dove, Irish
 Spring, Dial, and Caress. They're
 trying to get the government to
 subsidize soap sculpting
 competitions in an attempt to boost
 their profits at the expense of the
 taxpayers!

SPEAKER

Okay, finally, something that makes sense. I'm going to move to --

REP LOWEY

That's why I'm submitting my *body wash* sculpture of the Pacific Ocean.

She pours Axe body wash into puddle on her podium.

REP ROGERS

Mr. Speaker, I would like the chair to recognize that Congresswoman Lowey has received over two million dollars from the body wash lobby.

REP KILDEE

And regardless of who's backing us, the legislation has been written and must be followed.

SPEAKER

Fine. Whatever. Pursuant to the Soap Sculpting Fairness and Equality Act, I will evaluate these three soap sculptures and come up with a winner...

(beat)

... when congress comes back from our two month Columbus Day recess.

He strikes the gavel.

Blackout.