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Representative Ray LaHood
329 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative LaHood,

As a C-Span watcher, I have been an admirer of yours especially for your presiding ability.

Last Thursday I sent the Journal program an e-mail, copy of which is attached. I was most disappointed in your reply. You did not respond to the possibility of scheduling votes more effciently. You ignored that no business would allow employees to waste so much time. Your atitude seemed to be that the procedure could not be improved. I thought it was ironic that later in the day you were presiding when there were two seventeen minute votes back to back!

I agree with your comments about the Senate procedures. Hope C-Span will air my comments to the first one who comes on.

As I am not a constitutent, you will be justified in ignoring me. But I write you as a leader in the Republican Party. Aired congressional procedures are turning people off. Polls are taken about everything else. One should be funded to see if this is not true and then take the lead to catch up.

Most cordially yours,
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I feel that at least part of the cynicism of the public for Congress is due to what viewers see when they watch the proceedings.

For example, when we watch state legislatures, they record votes in a matter of seconds while congressional votes seem to take forever. I realize there are some problems but with the communications facilities today, could not the votes be scheduled and held much faster? No business would allow employees to waste so much time.

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