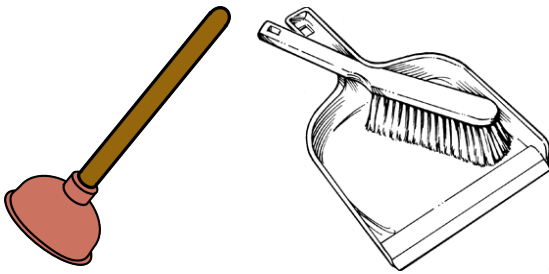


## Delivering John Mica Send-Off Gifts as August Recess Ends

John Mica and his Congressional colleagues head back to DC next week to allegedly do the work of representing the American people. The FAA Reauthorization will be one of the first issues that Congressman Mica, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, must address since the stop-gap extension expires on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**In an effort to raise awareness and public attention to the matter, CWA activists will present symbolic gifts at each of his five district offices this FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.** Addresses for all five offices listed at the end.

### Presenting toilet plungers and broom & shovels:



The Washington Post's Dana Milbank [reports](#) that Rep. John Mica, R-Florida, lamented the spotlight he found himself in over the FAA flap.

“I’ve had a brutal week, getting beat up by everybody,” Mica told Milbank in a surprisingly candid interview after [the deal that reopened the FAA](#).

“I didn’t know it would cause this much consternation. **Now I’ve just got to get the broom and the shovel and clean up the mess.**”

Mica told Milbank he wanted **“to unclog the toilet, but it backed up.** So I don’t know what to do, what to say.”

We will present Mica’s staffers with toilet plungers and/or broom and shovels (each costs about \$5 at the local hardware store) and tell him to go back to Washington DC and pass a long-term reauthorization of the FAA that doesn’t take away the rights of working people.

### Logistics

A minimum of two (2) people will visit each office, ideally, at 9 am when the offices open. If you can organize 5 – 6+ people all the better! The whole action is SHORT! You can be in and out of there within 10 – 15 minutes, possibly a little longer if media shows up.

Go to the office with a toilet plunger (or broom and shovel) **wrapped with a big red bow**. *The whole point of this action is the photo opportunity.* Make sure the bow is one of those big, store-bought bows. These are symbolic gifts – make sure the actual plunger or broom and shovel don't look threatening at all. This message only works if we deliver it with humor.



**Attach a tie-on card that states:** “This plunger [or broom and shovel] is presented to Congressman Mica to help “unclog the toilet... and clean up the mess.” Pass a long-term FAA Reauthorization bill that won't take away the rights of working people.”

Please make sure the card is extremely clearly (with large font) printed for the photo op.

**Pictures and Video:** The whole point of this action is to generate the pictures and/or video. If we don't have them – there is no point in going to the office at all. Take pictures and video of the CWA activist presenting the present to the staffer. Video should include the CWA activist reading the gift card to the staffer. Even if the official media do not show up – these pictures and video could be included in our press release and distributed to bloggers, and we could still get media coverage after the fact. And/or – it's a great shot to include in CWA's web site and specifically for the 'Mica Watch' web site:

<http://www.cwa-union.org/pages/micawatch>

And that's it! If media shows up – please make sure to take their business card. If they ask to interview you – please use the following talking points:

- **The FAA Authorization would create and fund up to 300,000 jobs. There is no excuse for Congressman Mica and the House Leadership to hold up this job creator over a controversial, unrelated Labor provision.**
- **The last time Representative Mica shutdown the FAA, almost 100,000 people didn't get a paycheck, and the government couldn't collect 400 million dollars in revenue. Congressman Mica must immediately pass a clean FAA Reauthorization Bill.**

**Mica's District Offices:**

- Orange/Seminole Counties: Maitland: 100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340 Maitland, FL 32751
- Putnam County: Palatka: 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 200 Palatka, FL 32177
- St. Johns County: St. Augustine: 3000 North Ponce de Leon Blvd, Suite 1 St. Augustine, FL 32084
- NE Volusia County: Ormond Beach: 770 W Granada Blvd, Suite 315 Ormond Beach, FL 32174
- West Volusia County: Deltona: 840 Deltona Blvd., Ste. G Deltona, FL 32725