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(iii) Making determinations prescribed by Executive Order 12968 as amended by Executive Order 13467 and 32 CFR Part 147 relating to the adjudication and final denial of access to classified information to industry personnel.

(iv) Making those determinations or delegations prescribed by Executive Order 13526 that are reserved to the head of the Department.

(6) *Procurement*. Exercising the extraordinary authority for defense contracts provided for in Public Law 85–804 [(50 U.S.C. 1431–1435)].

(7) *Printing*. Requesting approval of the Joint Committee on Printing for any procurement or other action requiring Committee approval.

(8) Interagency agreements. Executing any written interdepartmental or interagency agreement with the head of another executive department or agency.

(9) Withholding of funds. Withholding or suspension of Federal-Aid Highway funds on a state-wide basis and the waiver or compromise of such withholding or suspension, except for the administration of 23 U.S.C. 141 and 154, which are specifically delegated in §1.85 (FHWA) and §1.95 (NHTSA).

(10) National Highway Safety Advisory Committee. Directing the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee to meet (23 U.S.C. 404(c)).

(11) Maritime Subsidy Board. Reviewing decisions, reports, orders and other actions of the Maritime Subsidy Board.

(12) Cash purchases of passenger transportation. The authority under Federal Property Management Regulation G-72, as amended, to authorize and approve cash purchases for emergency passenger transportation services costing more than \$100.

(13) Solicitation of gifts. The implied authority to solicit gifts associated with 49 U.S.C. 326(a).

(14) Foreign travel. Approving official travel outside of the United States.

(15) United States Merchant Marine Academy. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 51303, the authority to appoint each year without competition as cadets at the United States Merchant Marine Academy not more than 40 qualified individuals with qualities the Secretary considers to be of special value to the Academy.

(16) *Challenges and Competitions*. Approving any challenge or competition administered by any office or Operating Administration of the Department.

(17) Committees. Approving the establishment, modification, extension, or termination of all advisory committees (including industry advisory committees) subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App.), and the designation of Departmental representatives to those committees.

(18) Credit assistance approval. Granting final approval of applications for credit assistance under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), 23 U.S.C. 601-609.

§1.22 Deputy Secretary.

Along with the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary exercises oversight of all of the OST components, as well as each of the Operating Administrations, and overall planning, direction, and control of the Department's agenda. The Deputy Secretary:

(a) May exercise the authority of the Secretary, except where specifically limited by law, order, regulation, or instructions of the Secretary;

(b) Serves as the Chief Operating Officer; and

(c) Serves as the Chief Acquisition Officer.

§1.23 Delegations to the Deputy Secretary.

The Deputy Secretary may exercise the authority of the Secretary, except where specifically limited by law, order, regulations, or instructions of the Secretary. In addition, the Deputy Secretary is delegated authority to:

(a) Exercise executive control over Departmental Budgeting and Program Evaluation.

(b) Serve as Chairman of the Departmental Executive Resources Board and its Executive Committee.

(c) Serve as the Chair of the Department's Safety Council.

(d) Serve as the Chair of the Department's Credit Council.

(e) Approve the establishment, modification, extension, or termination of: