CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

The Secretary of Transportation shall provide under section 36, United States Code, for the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on noise impacts of railroad operations, including idling train engines on the quality of life of nearby communities, the quality of life of the railroad itself (including consideration of air pollution), and safety, and to submit a report on the study to the Secretary. The report shall include recommendations for mitigation to combat rail noise, standards for determining when noise mitigation is required, needed changes in Federal law to give Federal, State, and local responsibility in combating railroad noise, and possible funding mechanisms for financing mitigation projects.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to Congress the report of the National Academy of Sciences on the results of the study under subsection (a).

SEC. 349. Within the funds made available in this Act, $10,000,000 shall be for the costs associated with construction of a third track on the Northeast Corridor between Danville and Central Falls, Rhode Island, with sufficient clearances to accommodate double stack freight cars, to be matched by the State of Rhode Island or its designee. The designee, to remain available until expended; $2,000,000 shall be for a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system between the North American continental rail system; $400,000 shall be allocated for passenger rail corridor planning activities to fund the preparation of a strategic plan for development of the Gulf Coast High Speed Rail Corridor; and $250,000 shall be available to the city of Traverse City, Michigan comprehensive transportation plan.

SEC. 350. (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The United States Coast Guard in 1999 saved approximately 3,800 lives in providing the essential service of maritime safety.

(2) The United States Coast Guard in 1999 prevented 111,689 pounds of cocaine and 28,872 pounds of marijuana from entering the United States.

(3) The United States Coast Guard in 1999 boarded more than 14,000 fishing vessels to check for safety and environmental laws in providing the essential service of maritime security.

(4) The United States Coast Guard in 1999 ensured the safe passage of nearly 1,000,000 commercial vessels through congested harbors with vessel traffic services in providing the essential service of maritime mobility.

(5) The United States Coast Guard in 1999 sent international training teams to help more than 50 countries develop their maritime services including iron ore, coal, and limestone. Shipments procurements, which are of critical national importance to commerce, navigation, and safety.

(b)SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(A) recede from their disagreement to the proposal of the Secretaries of the House of Representatives to the committee of conference on the bill H.R. 4475 with respect to funding for Construction, and Improvements; and

(B) provide sufficient funds for operations of the Coast Guard in fiscal year 2001, including activities relating to drug and migrant interdiction and fisheries enforcement.

SEC. 351. For the purpose of constructing an underpass to improve access and enhance highway/rail safety and economic development along Star Landing Road in DeSoto County, Mississippi, the State of Mississippi may use funds previously allocated to it under the transportation enhancements program, if available.

SEC. 352. Section 1214 of Public Law 106–158, as amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

‘‘(1) the non-Federal share of the project may be funded by Federal funds from an agency or agencies not part of the United States Department of Transportation;’’.

SEC. 353. ADDITIONAL SANCTION FOR REVENUE DIVERSION. Except as necessary to ensure public safety, no amount appropriated under this or any other Act may be used to fund any airport-related grant for the Los Angeles International Airport made to the City of Los Angeles, or any inter-governmental body of which it is a member, by the Department of Transportation or the Federal Aviation Administration, until the Administration—

(1) concludes the investigation initiated in Docket 13–95–05; and

(2) either—

(A) takes action, if necessary and appropriate, on the basis of the investigation to ensure compliance with applicable laws, policies, and grant assurances regarding revenue use and retention by an airport; or

(B) determines that no action is warranted.

SEC. 354. Hereafter, the New Jersey Transit commuter rail station to be located at the intersection of the Main/Bergen line and the North east Corridor line in the State of New Jersey shall be known and designated as the ‘‘Frank R. Lautenberg Transfer Station’’:

Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall ensure that any and all applicable reference in law, map, regulation, documentation, and all appropriate signage shall make reference to the ‘‘Frank R. Lautenberg Transfer Station’’.

TITLE IV

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

GIFTS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

For deposit of an additional amount for fiscal year 2000 into the account established under section 3113(d) of title 31, United States Code, to reduce the public debt, $12,200,000,000.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001’’.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—H.R. 8

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 8 be placed on the Senate calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 2753

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2753, introduced earlier today by Senator Daschle and others, be placed on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2753

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2753, introduced by Senator Thompson today, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.