

stands to lose up to \$21.7 million. At a time when more than 43,000 people are dying in roadway crashes each year, we simply cannot afford to shortchange an agency tasked with making our roadways safer. Likewise, FMCSA could lose almost \$27 million that would be spent on motor carrier safety programs and grants. It is essential that we properly fund these critical programs.

The highway, highway safety, and transit programs differ from most other Federal programs in that they are supported by user fees. Motorists who drive on our highways pay the fees when they pump gas. They willingly pay the fees because they rely on a commitment by the Federal Government to use the money so collected to finance our highway and transit programs. In other words, users have already paid for the investments authorized in SAFETEA-LU and funded in the House-passed TTHUD appropriations bill. However, the Republican-led Congress's failure to enact this legislation in a timely manner will short-change funding for critical transportation projects.

Transportation projects are usually high-cost undertakings that take several years to complete. Certainty in funding—especially Federal funding—is critical to their success. Relying on short-term, stopgap measures, such as continuing resolutions, does not provide the certainty that State departments of transportation need to plan for their construction projects in the upcoming season. And for northern-tier States, where construction seasons are short, delays in providing adequate Federal funding can severely disrupt their process for contract bidding, directly affecting next year's construction season.

Continuing resolutions also provide great uncertainty for transit programs. The Federal Transit Administration, FTA, has delayed the release of transit formula apportionments and other new grants until a final TTHUD appropriations act is enacted. The continuing resolution, coupled with FTA's policy, is resulting in many transit agencies being unable to advance badly needed transit projects.

According to the Federal Reserve, housing construction is currently very weak throughout the country. Congress should do everything within its power to ensure that transportation infrastructure investment is not disrupted through congressional inaction, placing an additional burden on this sector of the economy. Hundreds of our small businesses and thousands of our workers could be put at risk as a result. I urge Congress to fulfill its responsibilities in passing appropriations acts and to honor the funding guarantees established in SAFETEA-LU.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYES). All time for debate has expired.

The joint resolution is considered read for amendment, and pursuant to House Resolution 1105, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PROVIDING FOR PRINTING OF REVISED RULES AND MANUAL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 1107) providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1107

Resolved, That a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Tenth Congress be printed as a House document, and that three thousand additional copies shall be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives, of which nine hundred copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 503) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 503

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, December 8, 2006, or Saturday, December 9, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the Senate adjourns on any day from Friday, December 8, 2006, through Wednesday, December 13, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its

Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will now resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Joint Resolution 102, by the yeas and nays.

Conference report on H.R. 5682, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on passage of House Joint Resolution 102, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 20, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 540]

YEAS—370

Abercrombie	Bishop (UT)	Capps
Ackerman	Blackburn	Cardin
Aderholt	Blunt	Cardoza
Akin	Boehler	Carnahan
Alexander	Boehner	Carson
Allen	Bonilla	Carter
Andrews	Bonner	Chabot
Baca	Bono	Chandler
Bachus	Boozman	Choccola
Baird	Boren	Clay
Baldwin	Boswell	Cleaver
Barrett (SC)	Boucher	Clyburn
Barrow	Boustany	Coble
Bartlett (MD)	Boyd	Cole (OK)
Barton (TX)	Bradley (NH)	Conaway
Bass	Brady (PA)	Conyers
Bean	Brady (TX)	Cooper
Beauprez	Brown (SC)	Costa
Becerra	Brown, Corrine	Costello
Berkley	Butterfield	Cramer
Berman	Buyer	Crenshaw
Berry	Calvert	Crowley
Biggart	Camp (MI)	Cuellar
Bilbray	Campbell (CA)	Culberson
Bilirakis	Cannon	Cummings
Bishop (GA)	Cantor	Davis (AL)
Bishop (NY)	Capito	Davis (CA)