

House amendment

Section 316(a) directs the Secretary to conduct a study and demonstration of technologies and practices to improve the driving performance of older drivers and special user groups. The Secretary shall implement these activities in those States that have the highest population of aging citizens for whom driving a motor vehicle is their primary mobility mode and shall enter into a cooperative agreement with an institution with demonstrated competencies in such areas.

Subsection (b) directs the Secretary in carrying out the work zone safety program established in ISTEA to utilize a variety of methods to increase safety at highway construction sites, including conferences, the creation of a national information clearinghouse, and national promotional campaign and promotion of work site training.

Subsection (c) directs the Secretary to conduct a study to develop and evaluate radio and microwave technology for a motor vehicle safety warning system in furtherance of safety in all types of motor vehicles.

Subsection (d) directs the Secretary to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness on reducing drunk driving of laws enacted in the States that allow a health care provider who treats an individual involved in a car accident to report the blood alcohol level of the individual to the local law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction over the accident site, if the blood alcohol level is above the maximum legal limit permitted under State law.

Conference substitute

The Conference adopts the House provision with modifications to the work zone safety program. The Secretary is directed to implement the initiatives related to work zone safety in partnership with a broad range of the transportation construction industry's private sector.

The Secretary is directed to expend not more than \$200,000 on each of these studies.

MISCELLANEOUS STUDIES

Senate bill

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

House amendment

Section 343(a) directs the Secretary to conduct a study on the adequacy of and the need for improvements to the Pan American Highway. The Secretary is directed to submit a report to Congress on the results of the study within two years.

Section 343(b) directs the Secretary to conduct a study to determine the cost, need, and efficacy of establishing a highway sign for identifying routes on the National Highway System.

Section 343(c) directs the Secretary to conduct a study on compliance with the provisions of the Buy American Act with respect to contracts entered into using amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund. The Secretary is directed to submit a report to Congress on the results of the study within one year.

Conference substitute

The Conference substitute modifies the House provisions and provides for an additional study of Maglev transportation. The Committee should identify and analyze specific magnetic levitation projects, such as a connector from New York City to its airports, the transportation project under development between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC and technology transfer efforts underway in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so that Congress can better assess how near-term magnetic levitation technology could complement other existing modes of transportation infrastructure and thereby im-

prove the safety, speed, capacity, and longevity of current infrastructure in an era of dwindling Federal resources.

The members of the Committee that undertake the study shall serve without pay but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Committee in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service. The Chairperson may appoint staff as required in undertaking the study within the monetary constraints imposed on all studies in this section. The Secretary is directed to expend not more than \$200,000 on each of these studies.

TITLE IV—WOODROW WILSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Senate bill

Title II of the Senate bill recognizes that the Federal government, as the owner of the bridge, is responsible for annual rehabilitation costs to ensure that the Bridge meets Federal safety standards. A 1994 study commissioned by the FHWA to assess the current condition of the Bridge confirmed that annual repairs fail to extend the useful life of the facility and are no longer cost-effective.

Title II provides that Congress grants consent to Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into an interstate agreement to establish the national Capital Region Interstate Transportation Authority. Upon execution of an agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and the member jurisdictions of the Authority, the bill authorizes the transfer of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge to the Authority for the purpose of owning, constructing, maintaining, and operating a bridge or tunnel or a bridge and tunnel project across the Potomac River.

Title II provides \$17.5 million in contract authority for fiscal year 1996 and \$80 million in contract authority for fiscal year 1997 for the rehabilitation of the bridge and the planning, design and right-of-way acquisition for a new crossing of the Potomac River. Title II also requires the Secretary to submit to Congress by May 31, 1997 a report identifying the Federal share of constructing a new crossing.

House amendment

The House bill contains no comparable provision.

Conference substitute

The Conference substitute adopts the Senate provision with a modification to require that Congress grant approval of the agreement between the Secretary and members of the Authority prior to the Department of Transportation executing the agreement.

Ownership of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge is not conveyed to the Authority until the agreement is approved by Congress.

The agreement shall include all costs financed by the Federal government in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for planning, preliminary engineering, design and all Federal expenditures in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for replacement of the facility shall be counted towards the Federal share to be approved by Congress.

The Secretary is authorized to allocate funds from administrative expenses in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to ensure the completion of environmental studies and documentation, to provide for the rehabilitation of the existing Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and to conduct planning, preliminary engineering and design and final engineering of a new crossing of the Potomac River.

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As additional conferees for the consideration of secs. 105 and 141 of the Senate bill, and sec. 320 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

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As additional conferees for the consideration of sec. 157 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference:

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Ordered. That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶150.15 FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LIVINGSTON, pursuant to House Resolution 280, moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 123) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EMERSON, recognized Mr. LIVINGSTON and Mr. OBEY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EMERSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. OBEY objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared	{	Yeas	416
		Nays	0

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Ackerman	Bentsen	Brownback
Allard	Bereuter	Bryant (TN)
Andrews	Berman	Bryant (TX)
Archer	Bevill	Bunn
Armey	Bilbray	Bunning
Bachus	Bilirakis	Burr
Baesler	Bishop	Burton
Baker (CA)	Bliley	Buyer
Baldacci	Blute	Calvert
Ballenger	Boehlert	Camp
Barcia	Boehner	Canady
Barr	Bonilla	Cardin
Barrett (NE)	Bonior	Castle
Barrett (WI)	Bono	Chabot
Bartlett	Borski	Chambliss
Barton	Boucher	Chapman
Bass	Browder	Chenoweth
Bateman	Brown (CA)	Christensen
Becerra	Brown (FL)	Chrysler