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To improve the infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To improve the infrastructure of the United States, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Rebuild America Act of 2015”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Non-Federal cost share of affected programs.

TITLE I—INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Transportation infrastructure.

Sec. 102. Water infrastructure.

- Sec. 103. National Park Service.
- Sec. 104. Miscellaneous infrastructure.
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TITLE II—NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

- Sec. 201. Definitions.
- Sec. 202. Establishment of National Infrastructure Development Bank.
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- Sec. 209. Exemption from local taxation.
- Sec. 210. Status and applicability of certain Federal laws; full faith and credit.
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- Sec. 212. Use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods in infrastructure projects.
- Sec. 213. Compliance with certain domestic content laws.
- Sec. 214. Applicability of certain State laws.
- Sec. 215. Audits; reports to President and Congress.
- Sec. 216. Capitalization of Bank.

1 **SEC. 2. NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE OF AFFECTED PRO-** 2 **GRAMS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law (includ-
 4 ing regulations), the non-Federal share of the cost of any
 5 activity carried out using funds provided by this Act or
 6 an amendment made by this Act shall be an amount equal
 7 to the product obtained by multiplying—

- 8 (1) the non-Federal cost share of the activity,
 9 as in effect on the day before the date of enactment
 10 of this Act; and
- 11 (2) 0.5.

1 **TITLE I—INFRASTRUCTURE**
2 **PROGRAMS**

3 **SEC. 101. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 (a) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—Out of funds of the
5 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in addition to any
6 other funds made available for the Highway Trust Fund,
7 there is appropriated \$75,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
8 years 2015 through 2022 to the Highway Trust Fund to
9 improve roads, bridges, and other transportation infra-
10 structure in the United States.

11 (b) INTERCITY PASSENGER AND HIGH-SPEED RAIL
12 SERVICE.—Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise ap-
13 propriated, there is appropriated \$15,000,000,000 for
14 each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Secretary
15 of Transportation—

16 (1) to make quarterly grants to the National
17 Railroad Passenger Corporation for the operation of
18 intercity passenger rail, as authorized by section 101
19 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement
20 Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–432; 122
21 Stat. 4908);

22 (2) to make discretionary grants to States to
23 pay the cost of projects described in subparagraphs
24 (A) and (B) of section 24401(2) of title 49, United
25 States Code, and section 24105(b) of that title, sub-

1 ject to the condition that the Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation shall give priority to projects that support the
3 development of intercity high-speed rail service; and

4 (3) to carry out section 5309 of title 49, United
5 States Code.

6 (c) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE
7 AND INNOVATION.—Out of funds of the Treasury not oth-
8 erwise appropriated, there is appropriated \$2,000,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to provide cred-
10 it assistance for surface transportation projects of national
11 and regional significance in accordance with chapter 6 of
12 title 23, United States Code.

13 (d) AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT.—Out of funds of the
14 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
15 priated \$2,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
16 through 2019 to implement airport improvement and
17 noise compatibility projects at public-use airports in ac-
18 cordance with subchapter I of chapter 471 of title 49,
19 United States Code.

20 (e) NEXT GENERATION AIR TRANSPORTATION SYS-
21 TEM.—Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
22 priated, there is appropriated \$3,500,000,000 for each of
23 fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Next Generation
24 Air Transportation System Joint Planning and Develop-
25 ment Office of the Federal Aviation Administration to ac-

1 celerate deployment of satellite technology to improve air-
2 port safety and capacity.

3 (f) NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS.—
4 Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
5 there is appropriated \$5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
6 years 2015 through 2019 for the discretionary grant pro-
7 gram under title I of division K of the Consolidated and
8 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public
9 Law 113–235) (commonly referred to as the “TIGER Dis-
10 cretionary Grant Program”), subject to the condition that,
11 for projects carried out under that program that are lo-
12 cated in rural areas, the Secretary of Transportation may
13 increase the Federal share of the costs of the project to
14 100 percent.

15 **SEC. 102. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

16 (a) STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING
17 FUNDS.—Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise ap-
18 propriated, there is appropriated \$6,000,000,000 for each
19 of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Administrator
20 of the Environmental Protection Agency to make capital-
21 ization grants to States for the purpose of establishing
22 water pollution control revolving funds under title VI of
23 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381
24 et seq.).

1 (b) STATE DRINKING WATER TREATMENT REVOLV-
2 ING LOAN FUNDS.—Out of funds of the Treasury not oth-
3 erwise appropriated, there is appropriated \$6,000,000,000
4 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Adminis-
5 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make
6 capitalization grants to States for the purpose of estab-
7 lishing drinking water treatment revolving loan funds
8 under section 1452(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)).

10 (c) WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNO-
11 VATION.—Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise ap-
12 propriated, in addition to the amounts made available
13 under section 5033(a) of the Water Infrastructure Fi-
14 nance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3912(a)),
15 there is appropriated \$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
16 years 2015 through 2019 the Administrator of the Envi-
17 ronmental Protection Agency to provide long-term, low-in-
18 terest loans for large water infrastructure projects that
19 are not eligible for funding from a State revolving loan
20 fund, in accordance with the Water Infrastructure Fi-
21 nance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3901 et
22 seq.).

23 (d) NON-FEDERAL DAMS AND LEVEES.—Out of
24 funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
25 is appropriated \$2,000,000,000 to the Director of the

1 Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out the
2 predisaster hazard mitigation program under section 203
3 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
4 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) for each of fiscal years
5 2015 through 2019 for—

6 (1) minor localized flood reduction projects; and

7 (2) major flood risk reduction projects.

8 (e) INLAND WATERWAYS.—Out of funds of the
9 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
10 priated \$1,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
11 through 2019 to the Construction Account of the Corps
12 of Engineers for the construction, replacement, rehabilita-
13 tion, and expansion of inland waterways projects to im-
14 prove the movement and transport of goods, subject to the
15 condition that, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 none of the amounts provided by this subsection may be
17 cost-shared with any amounts from the Inland Waterways
18 Trust Fund established by section 9506(a) of the Internal
19 Revenue Code of 1986.

20 (f) HARBOR MAINTENANCE.—Out of funds of the
21 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
22 priated \$1,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
23 through 2019 to the Operation and Maintenance Account
24 of the Corps of Engineers for the eligible operations and
25 maintenance costs of all coastal harbors and channels and

1 for inland harbors to improve the movement of goods
2 through marine ports in the United States.

3 (g) DAMS AND LEVEES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
5 out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
6 priated, there is appropriated \$10,000,000,000 for
7 each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Con-
8 struction Account of the Corps of Engineers for the
9 following activities:

10 (A) Activities falling within Dam Safety
11 and Levee Safety Action Classifications 1, 2,
12 and 3.

13 (B) Activities authorized by subtitle B of
14 title III of the Water Resources Reform and
15 Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–
16 121; 128 Stat. 1284) (including the amend-
17 ments made by that subtitle).

18 (C) Assistance for flood damage reduction
19 activities authorized by the Water Infrastruc-
20 ture Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33
21 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.).

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of the
23 Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers—

24 (A) may use the funds appropriated pursu-
25 ant to this subsection to carry out authorized

1 flood damage reduction and coastal storm dam-
2 age reduction activities, including the activities
3 authorized by—

4 (i) section 1001 of the Water Re-
5 sources Development Act of 2007 (Public
6 Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1049); and

7 (ii) section 7002 of the Water Re-
8 sources Reform and Development Act of
9 2014 (Public Law 113–121; 128 Stat.
10 1364); and

11 (B) shall have unlimited reprogramming
12 authority with respect to those funds.

13 **SEC. 103. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

14 Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
15 priated, there is appropriated \$3,000,000,000 for each of
16 fiscal years 2015 through 2019 for—

17 (1) expenses necessary for the management, op-
18 eration, and maintenance of areas and facilities ad-
19 ministered by the National Park Service; and

20 (2) the general administration of the National
21 Park Service.

22 **SEC. 104. MISCELLANEOUS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

23 (a) BROADBAND INITIATIVES PROGRAM.—Out of
24 funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
25 is appropriated \$2,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years

1 2015 through 2019 for the broadband initiatives program
2 established under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act
3 of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb et seq.) to expand the access
4 and quality of broadband service across the rural United
5 States.

6 (b) BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PRO-
7 GRAM.—Out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
8 priated, there is appropriated \$2,500,000,000 for each of
9 fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to the Assistant Secretary
10 of Commerce for Communications and Information to
11 make grants for purposes of the Broadband Technology
12 Opportunities Program established under section 6001(a)
13 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
14 (47 U.S.C. 1305(a)), including providing access and im-
15 proving broadband service to underserved areas of the
16 United States.

17 (c) ELECTRIC GRID.—Out of funds of the Treasury
18 not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated
19 \$10,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through
20 2019 to the Secretary of Energy for expenses necessary
21 for—

22 (1) electricity delivery and energy reliability ac-
23 tivities to modernize the electric grid, including ac-
24 tivities relating to—

25 (A) demand responsive equipment;

1 (B) enhanced security and reliability of the
2 energy infrastructure;

3 (C) energy storage research, development,
4 demonstration, and deployment; and

5 (D) facilitating recovery from disruptions
6 to the energy supply; and

7 (2) implementation of the programs authorized
8 under title XIII of the Energy Independence and Se-
9 curity Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17381 et seq.).

10 **SEC. 105. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING; ADMINISTRATIVE**
11 **EXPENSES.**

12 (a) MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING.—The funding pro-
13 vided to any program or account under this title shall sup-
14 plement (and not supplant) any funding provided for that
15 program or account under any other provision of law.

16 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding
17 any other provision of law (including regulations), a Fed-
18 eral department or agency that receives funds pursuant
19 to this Act may use not more than 5 percent of the funds
20 for administrative expenses.

21 **TITLE II—NATIONAL**
22 **INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

23 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

24 For purposes of this title, the following definitions
25 shall apply, unless the context requires otherwise:

1 (1) BANK.—The term “Bank” means the Na-
2 tional Infrastructure Development Bank established
3 under section 202(a).

4 (2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Na-
5 tional Infrastructure Development Bank Board.

6 (3) CHIEF ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT
7 OFFICER.—The term “chief asset and liability man-
8 agement officer” means the chief individual respon-
9 sible for coordinating the management of assets and
10 liabilities of the Bank.

11 (4) CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER.—The term
12 “chief compliance officer” or “CCO” means the
13 chief individual responsible for overseeing and man-
14 aging the compliance and regulatory affairs issues of
15 the Bank.

16 (5) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.—The term
17 “chief financial officer” or “CFO” means the chief
18 individual responsible for managing the financial
19 risks, planning, and reporting of the Bank.

20 (6) CHIEF LOAN ORIGINATION OFFICER.—The
21 term “chief loan origination officer” means the chief
22 individual responsible for the processing of new
23 loans provided by the Bank.

24 (7) CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER.—The term
25 “chief operations officer” or “COO” means the chief

1 individual responsible for information technology and
2 the day-to-day operations of the Bank.

3 (8) CHIEF RISK OFFICER.—The term “chief
4 risk officer” or “CRO” means the chief individual
5 responsible for managing operational and compli-
6 ance-related risks of the Bank.

7 (9) CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER.—The term
8 “chief treasury officer” means the chief individual
9 responsible for managing the Bank’s treasury oper-
10 ations.

11 (10) DEVELOP; DEVELOPMENT.—The terms
12 “develop” and “development” mean, with respect to
13 an infrastructure project, any—

14 (A) preconstruction planning, feasibility re-
15 view, permitting, design work, and other
16 preconstruction activities; and

17 (B) construction, reconstruction, rehabili-
18 tation, replacement, or expansion.

19 (11) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.—The term
20 “disadvantaged community” means a community
21 with a median household income of less than 80 per-
22 cent of the statewide median household income for
23 the State in which the community is located.

24 (12) ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—
25 The term “energy infrastructure project” means any

1 project for energy transmission, energy efficiency en-
2 hancement for buildings, public housing and feder-
3 ally assisted multifamily housing, and schools, re-
4 newable energy, and energy storage.

5 (13) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means an in-
6 dividual, corporation, partnership (including a pub-
7 lic-private partnership), joint venture, trust, and a
8 State or other governmental entity, including a polit-
9 ical subdivision or any other instrumentality of a
10 State or a revolving fund.

11 (14) ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE
12 PROJECT.—The term “environmental infrastructure
13 project” means any project for the establishment,
14 maintenance, or enhancement of any drinking water
15 and wastewater treatment facility, storm water man-
16 agement system, dam, levee, open space manage-
17 ment system, solid waste disposal facility, hazardous
18 waste facility, industrial site cleanup, or redevelop-
19 ment of a Brownfield site (as defined in section 101
20 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
21 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.
22 9601)).

23 (15) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The term “execu-
24 tive director” means the individual serving as the
25 chief executive officer of the Bank.

1 (16) GENERAL COUNSEL.—The term “general
2 counsel” means the individual who serves as the
3 chief lawyer for the Bank.

4 (17) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—The term
5 “infrastructure project” means any energy, environ-
6 mental, telecommunications, data, or transportation
7 infrastructure project.

8 (18) PUBLIC BENEFIT BOND.—The term “pub-
9 lic benefit bond” means a bond issued with respect
10 to an infrastructure project in accordance with this
11 title if—

12 (A) the net spendable proceeds from the
13 sale of the issue may be used for expenditures
14 incurred after the date of issuance with respect
15 to the project, subject to the rules of the Bank;

16 (B) the bond issued by the Bank is in reg-
17 istered form and meets the requirements of this
18 title and otherwise applicable law;

19 (C) the term of each bond which is part of
20 the issue is greater than 30 years; and

21 (D) the payment of principal with respect
22 to the bond is the obligation of the Bank.

23 (19) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—The
24 term “public-private partnership” means any enti-
25 ty—

1 (A)(i) which is undertaking the develop-
2 ment of all or part of an infrastructure project,
3 which will have a public benefit, pursuant to re-
4 quirements established in one or more contracts
5 between the entity and a State or an instru-
6 mentality of a State; or

7 (ii) the activities of which, with respect to
8 such an infrastructure project, are subject to
9 regulation by a State or any instrumentality of
10 a State; and

11 (B) which owns, leases, or operates, or will
12 own, lease, or operate, the project in whole or
13 in part, and at least one of the participants in
14 the entity is a nongovernmental entity.

15 (20) REVOLVING FUND.—The term “revolving
16 fund” means a fund or program established by a
17 State or a political subdivision or other instrumen-
18 tality of a State, the principal activity of which is to
19 make loans, commitments, or other financial accom-
20 modation available for the development of one or
21 more categories of infrastructure projects.

22 (21) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
23 means the Secretary of the Treasury or the designee
24 of the Secretary.

1 (22) SMART GRID.—The term “smart grid”
2 means a system that provides for any of the smart
3 grid functions set forth in section 1306(d) of the
4 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
5 U.S.C. 17386(d)).

6 (23) SMART GROWTH.—The term “smart
7 growth” means development that avoids sprawl, in-
8 cluding any activity—

9 (A) relating to policy analysis (such as re-
10 viewing State and local codes, school siting
11 guidelines, and transportation policies) or a
12 public participatory process (such as visioning,
13 design workshops, alternative analysis, and
14 build-out analysis); and

15 (B) activities similar to those carried out
16 pursuant to the Department of Housing and
17 Urban Development-Department of Transpor-
18 tation-Environmental Protection Agency Part-
19 nership for Sustainable Communities.

20 (24) STATE.—The term “State” includes the
21 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American
22 Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of
23 the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other terri-
24 tory of the United States.

1 (25) TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
2 PROJECT.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “tele-
4 communications infrastructure project” means
5 any project involving infrastructure required to
6 provide information by wire or radio.

7 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “tele-
8 communications infrastructure project” in-
9 cludes—

10 (i) a project carried out by a State,
11 county, or municipal agency;

12 (ii) a community-owned project; and

13 (iii) any other project administered by
14 a public provider.

15 (26) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
16 PROJECT.—The term “transportation infrastructure
17 project” means any project for the construction,
18 maintenance, or enhancement of highways, roads,
19 bridges, transit and intermodal systems, inland wa-
20 terways, commercial ports, airports, intercity bus,
21 high-speed rail, and freight rail systems.

22 **SEC. 202. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUC-**
23 **TURE DEVELOPMENT BANK.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUC-
25 TURE DEVELOPMENT BANK.—The National Infrastruc-

1 ture Development Bank is established as a wholly owned
 2 Government corporation subject to chapter 91 of title 31,
 3 United States Code (commonly known as the “Govern-
 4 ment Corporation Control Act”), except as otherwise pro-
 5 vided in this title.

6 (b) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-
 7 retary shall take such action as may be necessary to assist
 8 in implementing the establishment of the Bank in accord-
 9 ance with this title.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9101(3) of
 11 title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
 12 subparagraph (N) the following:

13 “(O) the National Infrastructure Develop-
 14 ment Bank.”.

15 **SEC. 203. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall have a Board of
 17 Directors consisting of 5 members appointed by the Presi-
 18 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

19 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The directors of the Board
 20 shall include individuals representing different regions of
 21 the United States and—

22 (1) 2 of the directors shall have public sector
 23 experience; and

24 (2) 3 of the directors shall have private sector
 25 experience.

1 (c) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—As des-
2 gnated at the time of appointment, one of the directors
3 of the Board shall be designated chairperson of the Board
4 by the President and one shall be designated as vice chair-
5 person of the Board by the President.

6 (d) TERMS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2) and subsection (f), each director shall be
9 appointed for a term of 6 years.

10 (2) INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS.—Of the initial
11 members of the Board—

12 (A) the chairperson and vice chairperson
13 shall be appointed for terms of 6 years;

14 (B) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 5
15 years;

16 (C) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 4
17 years; and

18 (D) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 3
19 years.

20 (e) DATE OF INITIAL NOMINATIONS.—The initial
21 nominations by the President for appointment of directors
22 to the Board shall be made not later than 60 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (f) VACANCIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the Board
2 shall be filled in the manner in which the original
3 appointment was made.

4 (2) APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE DURING
5 TERM.—Any director appointed to fill a vacancy oc-
6 ccurring before the expiration of the term for which
7 the director's predecessor was appointed shall be ap-
8 pointed only for the remainder of the term.

9 (3) DURATION.—A director may serve after the
10 expiration of that director's term until a successor
11 has taken office.

12 (g) QUORUM.—Three directors shall constitute a
13 quorum.

14 (h) REAPPOINTMENT.—A director of the Board ap-
15 pointed by the President may be reappointed by the Presi-
16 dent in accordance with this section.

17 (i) PER DIEM REIMBURSEMENT.—Directors of the
18 Board shall serve on a part-time basis and shall receive
19 a per diem when engaged in the actual performance of
20 Bank business, plus reasonable reimbursement for travel,
21 subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the
22 performance of their duties.

23 (j) LIMITATIONS.—A director of the Board may not
24 participate in any review or decision affecting a project
25 under consideration for assistance under this title if the

1 director has or is affiliated with a person who has an inter-
2 est in such project.

3 (k) POWERS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE BOARD.—

4 (1) POWERS.—In order to carry out the pur-
5 poses of the Bank as set forth in this title, the
6 Board shall be responsible for monitoring and over-
7 seeing infrastructure projects and have the following
8 powers:

9 (A) To make senior and subordinated
10 loans and purchase senior and subordinated
11 debt securities and enter into a binding commit-
12 ment to make any such loan or purchase any
13 such security, on such terms as the Board may
14 determine, in the Board's discretion, to be ap-
15 propriate, the proceeds of which are to be used
16 to finance or refinance the development of one
17 or more infrastructure projects.

18 (B) To issue and sell debt securities of the
19 Bank on such terms as the Board shall deter-
20 mine from time to time.

21 (C) To issue public benefit bonds and to
22 provide direct subsidies to infrastructure
23 projects from amounts made available from the
24 issuance of such bonds.

25 (D) To make loan guarantees.

1 (E) To make agreements and contracts
2 with any entity in furtherance of the business
3 of the Bank.

4 (F) To borrow on the global capital market
5 and lend to regional, State, and local entities,
6 and commercial banks for the purpose of fund-
7 ing infrastructure projects.

8 (G) To purchase, pool, and sell infrastruc-
9 ture-related loans and securities on the global
10 capital market.

11 (H) To purchase in the open market any
12 of the Bank's outstanding obligations at any
13 time and at any price.

14 (I) To monitor and oversee infrastructure
15 projects financed, in whole or in part, by the
16 Bank.

17 (J) To acquire, lease, pledge, exchange,
18 and dispose of real and personal property and
19 otherwise exercise all the usual incidents of
20 ownership of property to the extent the exercise
21 of such powers are appropriate to and con-
22 sistent with the purposes of the Bank.

23 (K) To sue and be sued in the Bank's cor-
24 porate capacity in any court of competent juris-
25 diction, except that no attachment, injunction,

1 or similar process, may be issued against the
2 property of the Bank or against the Bank with
3 respect to such property.

4 (L) To indemnify the directors and officers
5 of the Bank for liabilities arising out of the ac-
6 tions of the directors and officers in such capac-
7 ity, in accordance with, and subject to the limi-
8 tations contained in this title.

9 (M) To serve as the primary liaison be-
10 tween the Bank, Congress, the executive
11 branch, and State and local governments and to
12 represent the Bank's interests.

13 (N) To exercise all other lawful powers
14 which are necessary or appropriate to carry out,
15 and are consistent with, the purposes of the
16 Bank.

17 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

18 (A) ISSUANCE OF DEBT SECURITY.—The
19 Board may not issue any debt security without
20 the prior consent of the Secretary.

21 (B) ISSUANCE OF VOTING SECURITY.—The
22 Board may not issue any voting security in the
23 Bank to any entity other than the Secretary.

24 (C) EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS.—Prior to
25 providing any financial assistance for an infra-

1 structure project involving reconstruction, reha-
2 bilitation, replacement, or expansion that may
3 affect current employees on the project site, the
4 interests of those affected employees shall be
5 protected in accordance with such arrangements
6 as the Secretary of Labor determines to be fair
7 and equitable.

8 (3) ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH SELF-SUP-
9 PORTING ENTITY STATUS.—The Board shall conduct
10 its business in a manner consistent with the require-
11 ments of this section.

12 (4) COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL
13 REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The provision of finan-
14 cial assistance by the Board pursuant to this title
15 shall not be construed as—

16 (A) limiting the right of any State or polit-
17 ical subdivision or other instrumentality of a
18 State to approve or regulate rates of return on
19 private equity invested in a project; or

20 (B) otherwise superseding any State law or
21 regulation applicable to a project.

22 (5) FEDERAL PERSONNEL REQUESTS.—The
23 Board shall have the power to request the detail, on
24 a reimbursable basis, of personnel from other Fed-
25 eral agencies with specific expertise not available

1 from within the Bank or elsewhere. The head of any
2 Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis,
3 any personnel of such agency requested by the
4 Board and shall not withhold unreasonably the de-
5 tail of any personnel requested by the Board.

6 (1) MEETINGS.—

7 (1) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; NOTICE.—All meet-
8 ings of the Board held to conduct the business of the
9 Bank shall be open to the public and shall be pre-
10 ceded by reasonable notice.

11 (2) INITIAL MEETING.—The Board shall meet
12 not later than 90 days after the date on which all
13 directors of the Board are first appointed and other-
14 wise at the call of the Chairperson.

15 (3) EXCEPTION FOR CLOSED MEETINGS.—Pur-
16 suant to such rules as the Board may establish
17 through their bylaws, the directors may close a
18 meeting of the Board if, at the meeting, there is
19 likely to be disclosed information which could ad-
20 versely affect or lead to speculation relating to an in-
21 frastructure project under consideration for assist-
22 ance under this title or in financial or securities or
23 commodities markets or institutions, utilities, or real
24 estate. The determination to close any meeting of
25 the Board shall be made in a meeting of the Board,

1 open to the public, and preceded by reasonable no-
2 tice. The Board shall prepare minutes of any meet-
3 ing which is closed to the public and make such min-
4 utes available as soon as the considerations necessi-
5 tating closing such meeting no longer apply.

6 **SEC. 204. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall have an executive
8 committee consisting of 9 members, headed by the execu-
9 tive director of the Bank.

10 (b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—A majority of the Board
11 shall have the authority to appoint and reappoint the exec-
12 utive director.

13 (c) CEO.—The executive director shall be the chief
14 executive officer of the Bank, with such executive func-
15 tions, powers, and duties as may be prescribed by this
16 title, the bylaws of the Bank, or the Board.

17 (d) OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—The Board shall
18 appoint, remove, fix the compensation, and define duties
19 of 8 other executive officers to serve on the executive com-
20 mittee as the—

- 21 (1) chief compliance officer;
- 22 (2) chief financial officer;
- 23 (3) chief asset and liability management officer;
- 24 (4) chief loan origination officer;
- 25 (5) chief operations officer;

- 1 (6) chief risk officer;
- 2 (7) chief treasury officer; and
- 3 (8) general counsel.

4 (e) QUALIFICATIONS.—The executive director and
5 other executive officers shall have demonstrated experience
6 and expertise in one or more of the following:

- 7 (1) Transportation infrastructure.
- 8 (2) Environmental infrastructure.
- 9 (3) Energy infrastructure.
- 10 (4) Telecommunications infrastructure.
- 11 (5) Economic development.
- 12 (6) Workforce development.
- 13 (7) Public health.
- 14 (8) Private or public finance.

15 (f) DUTIES.—In order to carry out the purposes of
16 the Bank as set forth in this title, the executive committee
17 shall—

- 18 (1) establish disclosure and application proce-
19 dures for entities nominating projects for assistance
20 under this title;
- 21 (2) accept, for consideration, project proposals
22 relating to the development of infrastructure
23 projects, which meet the basic criteria established by
24 the Board, and which are submitted by an entity;

1 (3) provide recommendations to the Board and
2 place project proposals accepted by the executive
3 committee on a list for consideration for financial
4 assistance from the Board; and

5 (4) provide technical assistance to entities re-
6 ceiving financing from the Bank and otherwise im-
7 plement decisions of the Board.

8 (g) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the position of executive
9 director shall be filled in the manner in which the original
10 appointment was made.

11 (h) COMPENSATION.—The compensation of the execu-
12 tive director and other executive officers of the executive
13 committee shall be determined by the Board.

14 (i) REMOVAL.—The executive director and other ex-
15 ecutive officers may be removed at the discretion of a ma-
16 jority of the Board.

17 (j) TERM.—The executive director and other execu-
18 tive officers shall serve a 6-year term and may be re-
19 appointed in accordance with this section.

20 (k) LIMITATIONS.—The executive director and other
21 executive officers shall not—

22 (1) hold any other public office;

23 (2) have any interest in an infrastructure
24 project considered by the Board;

1 (3) have any interest in an investment institu-
2 tion, commercial bank, or other entity seeking finan-
3 cial assistance for any infrastructure project from
4 the Bank; and

5 (4) have any such interest during the 2-year pe-
6 riod beginning on the date such officer ceases to
7 serve in such capacity.

8 **SEC. 205. RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT COM-
10 MITTEE.—The Bank shall establish a risk management
11 committee consisting of 5 members, headed by the chief
12 risk officer.

13 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—A majority of the Board shall
14 have the authority to appoint and reappoint the CRO of
15 the Bank.

16 (c) FUNCTIONS; DUTIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The CRO shall have such
18 functions, powers, and duties as may be prescribed
19 by one or more of the following: this title, the bylaws
20 of the Bank, and the Board. The CRO shall report
21 directly to the Board.

22 (2) RISK MANAGEMENT DUTIES.—In order to
23 carry out the purposes of this title, the risk manage-
24 ment committee shall—

1 (A) create financial, credit, and operational
2 risk management guidelines and policies to be
3 adhered to by the Bank;

4 (B) set guidelines to ensure diversification
5 of lending activities by both region and infra-
6 structure project type;

7 (C) create conforming standards for infra-
8 structure finance securities;

9 (D) monitor financial, credit and oper-
10 ational exposure of the Bank; and

11 (E) provide financial recommendations to
12 the Board.

13 (d) OTHER RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICERS.—The
14 Board shall appoint, remove, fix the compensation, and
15 define the duties of 4 other risk management officers to
16 serve on the risk management committee.

17 (e) QUALIFICATIONS.—The CRO and other risk man-
18 agement officers shall have demonstrated experience and
19 expertise in one or more of the following:

20 (1) Treasury and asset and liability manage-
21 ment.

22 (2) Investment regulations.

23 (3) Insurance.

24 (4) Credit risk management and credit evalua-
25 tions.

1 (5) Related disciplines.

2 (f) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the position of CRO or
3 any other risk management officer shall be filled in the
4 manner in which the original appointment was made.

5 (g) COMPENSATION.—The compensation of the CRO
6 and other risk management officers shall be determined
7 by the Board.

8 (h) REMOVAL.—The CRO and any other risk man-
9 agement officers may be removed at the discretion of a
10 majority of the Board.

11 (i) TERM.—The CRO and other risk management of-
12 ficers shall serve a 6-year term and may be reappointed
13 in accordance with this section.

14 (j) LIMITATIONS.—The CRO and other risk manage-
15 ment officers shall not—

16 (1) hold any other public office;

17 (2) have any interest in an infrastructure
18 project considered by the Board;

19 (3) have any interest in an investment institu-
20 tion, commercial bank, or other entity seeking finan-
21 cial assistance for any infrastructure project from
22 the Bank; and

23 (4) have any such interest during the 2-year pe-
24 riod beginning on the date such officer ceases to
25 serve in such capacity.

1 **SEC. 206. AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall have an audit
3 committee consisting of 5 members, headed by the chief
4 compliance officer of the Bank.

5 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—A majority of the Board shall
6 have the authority to appoint and reappoint the CCO of
7 the Bank.

8 (c) FUNCTIONS; DUTIES.—The CCO shall have such
9 functions, powers, and duties as may be prescribed by one
10 or more of the following: this title, the bylaws of the Bank,
11 and the Board. The CCO shall report directly to the
12 Board.

13 (d) AUDIT DUTIES.—In order to carry out the pur-
14 poses of the Bank under this title, the audit committee
15 shall—

16 (1) provide internal controls and internal audit-
17 ing activities for the Bank;

18 (2) maintain responsibility for the accounting
19 activities of the Bank;

20 (3) issue financial reports of the Bank; and

21 (4) complete reports with outside auditors and
22 public accountants appointed by the Board.

23 (e) OTHER AUDIT OFFICERS.—The Board shall ap-
24 point, remove, fix the compensation, and define the duties
25 of 4 other audit officers to serve on the audit committee.

1 (f) QUALIFICATIONS.—The CCO and other audit offi-
2 cers shall have demonstrated experience and expertise in
3 one or more of the following:

- 4 (1) Internal auditing.
- 5 (2) Internal investigations.
- 6 (3) Accounting practices.
- 7 (4) Financing practices.

8 (g) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the position of CCO or
9 any other audit officer shall be filled in the manner in
10 which the original appointment was made.

11 (h) COMPENSATION.—The compensation of the CCO
12 and other audit officers shall be determined by the Board.

13 (i) REMOVAL.—The CCO and other audit officers
14 may be removed at the discretion of a majority of the
15 Board.

16 (j) TERM.—The CCO and other audit officers shall
17 serve a 6-year term and may be reappointed in accordance
18 with this section.

19 (k) LIMITATIONS.—The CCO and other audit officers
20 shall not—

- 21 (1) hold any other public office;
- 22 (2) have any interest in an infrastructure
23 project considered by the Board;
- 24 (3) have any interest in an investment institu-
25 tion, commercial bank, or other entity seeking finan-

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the require-
2 ments of subsections (c) and (d), the Board shall es-
3 tablish—

4 (A) criteria for determining eligibility for
5 financial assistance under this title;

6 (B) disclosure and application procedures
7 to be followed by entities to nominate projects
8 for assistance under this title; and

9 (C) such other criteria as the Board may
10 consider to be appropriate for purposes of car-
11 rying out this title.

12 (2) FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall con-
14 duct an analysis that takes into account the
15 economic, environmental, social benefits, and
16 costs of each project under consideration for fi-
17 nancial assistance under this title, prioritizing
18 projects that contribute to economic growth,
19 lead to job creation, and are of regional or na-
20 tional significance.

21 (B) CRITERIA.—The criteria established
22 pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) shall provide for
23 the consideration of the following factors in
24 considering eligibility for financial assistance
25 under this title:

1 (i) The means by which development
 2 of the infrastructure project under consid-
 3 eration is being financed, including—

4 (I) the terms and conditions and
 5 financial structure of the proposed fi-
 6 nancing; and

7 (II) the financial assumptions
 8 and projections on which the project
 9 is based.

10 (ii) The likelihood that the provision
 11 of assistance by the Bank will cause such
 12 development to proceed more promptly and
 13 with lower costs for financing than would
 14 be the case without such assistance.

15 (iii) The extent to which the provision
 16 of assistance by the Bank maximizes the
 17 level of private investment in the infra-
 18 structure project while providing a public
 19 benefit.

20 (c) FACTORS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF PROJECTS.—

21 (1) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
 22 PROJECTS.—For any transportation infrastructure
 23 project, the Board shall consider the following:

24 (A) Job creation, including workforce de-
 25 velopment for women and minorities, respon-

1 sible employment practices, and quality job
2 training opportunities.

3 (B) Reduction in carbon emissions.

4 (C) Reduction in surface and air traffic
5 congestion.

6 (D) Smart growth.

7 (E) Poverty and inequality reduction
8 through targeted training and employment op-
9 portunities for low-income workers.

10 (F) Public health benefits.

11 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE
12 PROJECT.—For any environmental infrastructure
13 project, the Board shall consider the following:

14 (A) Public health benefits.

15 (B) Pollution reductions.

16 (C) Job creation, including workforce de-
17 velopment for women and minorities, respon-
18 sible employment practices, and quality job
19 training opportunities.

20 (D) Poverty and inequality reduction
21 through targeted training and employment op-
22 portunities for low-income workers.

23 (3) ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—For
24 any energy infrastructure project, the Board shall
25 consider the following:

1 (A) Job creation, including workforce de-
2 velopment for women and minorities, respon-
3 sible employment practices, and quality job
4 training opportunities.

5 (B) Poverty and inequality reduction
6 through targeted training and employment op-
7 portunities for low-income workers.

8 (C) Reduction in carbon emissions.

9 (D) Smart growth in urban areas.

10 (E) Expanded use of renewable energy, in-
11 cluding hydroelectric, solar, and wind.

12 (F) Development of a smart grid.

13 (G) Energy efficient building, housing, and
14 school modernization.

15 (H) In any case in which the project is
16 also a public housing project—

17 (i) improvement of the physical shape
18 and layout;

19 (ii) environmental improvement; and

20 (iii) mobility improvements for resi-
21 dents.

22 (I) Public health benefits.

23 (4) TELECOMMUNICATIONS.—For any tele-
24 communications project, the Board shall consider
25 the following:

1 (A) The extent to which assistance ex-
2 pands or improves broadband and wireless serv-
3 ices in rural and disadvantaged communities.

4 (B) Poverty and inequality reduction
5 through targeted training and employment op-
6 portunities for low-income workers.

7 (C) Job creation, including work force de-
8 velopment for women and minorities, respon-
9 sible employment practices, and quality job
10 training opportunities.

11 (d) CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS.—

12 (1) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER AGENCY PER-
13 SONNEL.—Consideration of projects by the executive
14 committee and the Board shall be conducted with
15 personnel on detail to the Bank from relevant Fed-
16 eral agencies from among individuals who are famil-
17 iar with and experienced in the selection criteria for
18 competitive projects.

19 (2) FEES.—A fee may be charged for the re-
20 view of any project proposal in such amount as
21 maybe considered appropriate by the executive com-
22 mittee to cover the cost of such review.

23 (e) DISCRETION OF BOARD.—Consistent with other
24 provisions of this title, any determination of the Board to
25 provide assistance to any project, and the manner in which

1 such assistance is provided, including the terms, condi-
2 tions, fees, and charges shall be at the sole discretion of
3 the Board.

4 (f) STATE AND LOCAL PERMITS REQUIRED.—The
5 provision of assistance by the Board in accordance with
6 this title shall not be deemed to relieve any recipient of
7 assistance or the related project of any obligation to obtain
8 required State and local permits and approvals.

9 (g) ANNUAL REPORT.—An entity receiving assistance
10 from the Board shall make annual reports to the Board
11 on the use of any such assistance, compliance with the
12 criteria set forth in this section, and a disclosure of all
13 entities with a development, ownership, or operational in-
14 terest in a project assisted or proposed to be assisted
15 under this title.

16 **SEC. 209. EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL TAXATION.**

17 All notes, debentures, bonds or other such obligations
18 issued by the Bank, and the interest on or credits with
19 respect to such bonds or other obligations, shall not be
20 subject to taxation by any State, county, municipality, or
21 local taxing authority.

22 **SEC. 210. STATUS AND APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN FED-**
23 **ERAL LAWS; FULL FAITH AND CREDIT.**

24 (a) BUDGETING AND AUDITORS PRACTICES.—The
25 Bank shall comply with all Federal laws regulating the

1 budgetary and auditing practices of a government corpora-
2 tion, except as otherwise provided in this title.

3 (b) FULL FAITH AND CREDIT.—Any bond or other
4 obligation issued by the Bank under this title shall be an
5 obligation supported by the full faith and credit of the
6 United States.

7 (c) EFFECT OF AND EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER
8 LAWS.—

9 (1) EXEMPT SECURITIES.—All debt securities
10 and other obligations issued by the Bank pursuant
11 to this title shall be deemed to be exempt securities
12 within the meaning of laws administered by the Se-
13 curities and Exchange Commission to the same ex-
14 tent as securities which are direct obligations of, or
15 obligations fully guaranteed as to principal or inter-
16 est by, the United States.

17 (2) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS AND STATE
18 TAX EXEMPT STATUS.—The obligations of the Bank
19 shall be deemed to be obligations of the United
20 States for the purposes of the provision designated
21 as (b)(2) of the 2nd undesignated paragraph of sec-
22 tion 14 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 355)
23 and section 3124 of title 31, United States Code.

24 (3) NO PRIORITY AS A FEDERAL CLAIM.—The
25 priority established in favor of the United States by

1 section 3713 of title 31, United States Code, shall
2 not apply with respect to any indebtedness of the
3 Bank.

4 (d) FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES,
5 CUSTODIANS, AND FISCAL AGENTS.—The Federal reserve
6 banks may act as depositories for, or custodians or fiscal
7 agents of, the Bank.

8 (e) ACCESS TO BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM.—The Sec-
9 retary may authorize the Bank to use the book-entry sys-
10 tem of the Federal reserve system.

11 **SEC. 211. COMPLIANCE WITH DAVIS-BACON ACT AND CER-**
12 **TAIN GRANT REQUIREMENTS.**

13 (a) DAVIS-BACON ACT.—All laborers and mechanics
14 employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects
15 funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and
16 through the Bank pursuant to this title shall be paid
17 wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects
18 of a character similar in the locality as determined by the
19 Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of
20 chapter 31 of part A of title 40, United States Code. With
21 respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the
22 Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions
23 set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950
24 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title
25 40, United States Code.

1 (b) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A recipient of financial
2 assistance provided pursuant to this Act that funds any
3 public transportation capital project (as defined in section
4 5302 of title 49, United States Code) shall comply with
5 the grant requirements applicable to grants made under
6 section 5309 of that title.

7 **SEC. 212. USE OF IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED**
8 **GOODS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

9 (a) BUY AMERICA.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), none of the financing provided by the Bank may be
11 used for a public infrastructure project unless all of the
12 iron, steel, and manufactured goods used for the construc-
13 tion, alteration, maintenance, or repair of the project are
14 produced in the United States.

15 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
16 any case or category of cases in which the Secretary deter-
17 mines that—

18 (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-
19 sistent with the public interest;

20 (2) iron, steel, or a relevant manufactured good
21 is not produced in the United States in sufficient
22 and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfac-
23 tory quality; or

24 (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, or a manufac-
25 tured good produced in the United States will in-

1 crease the cost of the overall infrastructure project
2 by more than 25 percent.

3 (c) PUBLICATION OF WAIVERS.—If the Secretary
4 provides a waiver of the requirements of subsection (a)
5 based on a determination under subsection (b), the Sec-
6 retary shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed
7 written justification of the reasons for the waiver.

8 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall be applied in
9 a manner consistent with the obligations of the United
10 States under international agreements.

11 (e) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
12 with the Board and may consult with the Secretary of
13 Transportation and the head of any other Federal depart-
14 ment or agency in applying this section.

15 **SEC. 213. COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN DOMESTIC CON-**
16 **TENT LAWS.**

17 The financing provided for an infrastructure project
18 shall be provided in accordance with the following provi-
19 sions of law subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary
20 of Transportation:

21 (1) Section 313 of title 23, United States Code.

22 (2) Section 5323(j) of title 49, United States
23 Code.

24 (3) Section 24305 of title 49, United States
25 Code.

1 (4) Section 24405 of title 49, United States
2 Code.

3 (5) Sections 50101 and 50105 of title 49,
4 United States Code.

5 **SEC. 214. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN STATE LAWS.**

6 The receipt by any entity of any assistance under this
7 title, directly or indirectly, and any financial assistance
8 provided by any governmental entity in connection with
9 such assistance under this title shall be valid and lawful
10 notwithstanding any State or local restrictions regarding
11 extensions of credit or other benefits to private persons
12 or entities, or other similar restrictions.

13 **SEC. 215. AUDITS; REPORTS TO PRESIDENT AND CON-**
14 **GRESS.**

15 (a) ACCOUNTING.—The books of account of the Bank
16 shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted
17 accounting principles and shall be subject to an annual
18 audit by independent public accountants appointed by the
19 Board and of nationally recognized standing.

20 (b) REPORTS.—

21 (1) BOARD.—The Board shall submit to the
22 President and Congress, within 90 days after the
23 last day of each fiscal year, a complete and detailed
24 report with respect to the preceding fiscal year, set-
25 ting forth—

1 (A) a summary of the Bank's operations,
2 for such preceding fiscal year;

3 (B) a schedule of the Bank's obligations
4 and capital securities outstanding at the end of
5 such preceding fiscal year, with a statement of
6 the amounts issued and redeemed or paid dur-
7 ing such preceding fiscal year; and

8 (C) the status of projects receiving funding
9 or other assistance pursuant to this title, in-
10 cluding disclosure of all entities with a develop-
11 ment, ownership, or operational interest in such
12 projects.

13 (2) GAO.—Not later than 5 years after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
15 eral of the United States shall submit to Congress
16 a report evaluating activities of the Bank for the fis-
17 cal years covered by the report that includes an as-
18 sessment of the impact and benefits of each funded
19 project, including a review of how effectively each
20 project accomplished the goals prioritized by the
21 Bank's project criteria.

22 (c) BOOKS AND RECORDS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall maintain
24 adequate books and records to support the financial
25 transactions of the Bank with a description of finan-

1 cial transactions and infrastructure projects receiv-
2 ing funding, and the amount of funding for each
3 project maintained on a publically accessible data-
4 base.

5 (2) AUDITS BY THE SECRETARY AND GAO.—
6 The books and records of the Bank shall be main-
7 tained in accordance with recommended accounting
8 practices and shall be open to inspection by the Sec-
9 retary and the Comptroller General of the United
10 States.

11 **SEC. 216. CAPITALIZATION OF BANK.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Subject
13 to subsection (b), there is authorized to be appropriated
14 to the Secretary for purchase of the shares of the Bank
15 \$5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through
16 2019, with the aggregate representing 10 percent of the
17 total subscribed capital of the Bank.

18 (b) RESERVATION FOR RURAL AREAS.—For each fis-
19 cal year, not less than 20 percent of any amounts appro-
20 priated to carry out this title shall be used to finance
21 projects in rural areas.

22 (c) CALLABLE CAPITAL.—Of the total subscribed
23 capital of the Bank, 90 percent shall be callable capital
24 subject to call from the Secretary only as and when re-
25 quired by the Bank to meet its obligations on borrowing

- 1 of funds for inclusion in its ordinary capital resources or
- 2 guarantees chargeable to such resources.

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