H. R. 907

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 3, 1997

Mr. Sanford (for himself, Mr. Clement, Mr. Largent, Mr. Ballenger, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Deal of Georgia, Mr. Graham, Mr. Herger, Mr. Hilleary, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Hostettler, Mr. Istook, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Klug, Mr. Latourette, Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Mica, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Ney, Mrs. Northup, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Scarborough, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Shadegg, Mr. Souder, Mr. Spence, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Tauzin, Mr. Taylor of North Carolina, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Mr. Thornberry, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watts of Oklahoma, and Mr. Whitfield) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. MINIMUM ALLOCATION.

- 2 (a) FISCAL YEAR 1998 AND THEREAFTER.—Section
- 3 157(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
- 4 ing at the end the following:
- 5 "(5) Thereafter.—In fiscal year 1998 and
- 6 each fiscal year thereafter on October 1, or as soon
- 7 as possible thereafter, the Secretary shall allocate
- 8 among the States amounts sufficient to ensure that
- 9 a State's percentage of the total apportionments in
- each such fiscal year and allocations for the prior
- fiscal year from funds made available out of the
- Highway Trust Fund is not less than 100 percent
- of the percentage of estimated tax payments attrib-
- 14 utable to highway users in the State paid into the
- 15 Highway Trust Fund in the latest fiscal year for
- which data are available.".
- 17 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 157(a)(4)
- 18 of such title is amended by striking the paragraph des-
- 19 ignation and all that follows before "on October 1" and
- 20 inserting the following:
- 21 "(4) FISCAL YEARS 1992–1997.—For fiscal years
- 22 1992 through 1997,".
- 23 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF HOLD HARMLESS.
- 24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1015(a) of the Intermodal
- 25 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (23 U.S.C.
- 26 104 note; 105 Stat. 1943–1944) is repealed.

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by 2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of fiscal 3 year 1998. SEC. 3. 100 PERCENT OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS. 5 Section 1015(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (23 U.S.C. 104 note; 105 6 7 Stat. 1944) is amended— (1) in the subsection heading by striking "90"; 8 9 (2) in the paragraph heading for paragraph (1) 10 by striking "GENERAL RULE" and inserting "FIS-11 CAL YEARS 1992–1997"; (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-12 13 graph (3) and inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-14 lowing: "(2) Thereafter.—In fiscal year 1998 and 15 16 each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary (after mak-17 ing the allocation under section 157(a) of this title) 18 shall allocate among the States amounts sufficient to 19 ensure that a State's percentage of the total appor-20 tionments in each such fiscal year and allocations 21 for the prior fiscal year from funds made available
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Trust Fund in the latest fiscal year for which data are available."; and (4) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this section, by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "this subsection".

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