

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2118

To amend the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge Authority Act of 1995 to provide for continued engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction related to the project to upgrade the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. WYNN (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress find that—

5 (1) the deterioration of the Woodrow Wilson
6 Memorial Bridge has created an emergency situation
7 which has contributed significantly to traffic conges-

1 tion in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area and
2 threatens a vital link in the Interstate System and
3 in the Northeast corridor;

4 (2) projects for ongoing short-term rehabilita-
5 tion of the Bridge and long-term reconstruction or
6 replacement of the Bridge have undergone com-
7 prehensive studies as to the potential environmental
8 and other impacts of the projects;

9 (3) a study of a 10-lane replacement for the
10 Bridge has been completed under the Clean Air Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and a study of a 12-lane
12 replacement for the Bridge could be completed under
13 such Act before reconfiguring the stripes on the re-
14 placement bridge so as to provide 2 lanes for high
15 occupancy vehicle traffic; and

16 (4) an environmental impact statement has
17 been completed under the National Environmental
18 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for a
19 12-lane replacement for the Bridge.

20 **SEC. 2. WOODROW WILSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Woodrow Wilson Memorial
22 Bridge Authority Act of 1995 (109 Stat. 627) is amended
23 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 413. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED.**

2 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after
3 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
4 approve, and the Secretary, the Authority, and any Cap-
5 ital Region jurisdiction are authorized to proceed with, the
6 engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, and con-
7 struction of the Project. All records of decision relating
8 to the project issued before such date of enactment shall
9 remain in effect.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
11 tents contained in section 1(b) of the National Highway
12 System Designation Act of 1995 (109 Stat. 568) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 412. Federal contribution.

“Sec. 413. Authority to proceed.”.

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