

and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-55), during the six month period commencing with the enactment of this Act; and

(2) not later than 30 days thereafter, submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

TITLE VII—RESCISSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
WORKING CAPITAL FUND
(RESCISSION)

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading on September 30, 1997, \$30,310,000 are rescinded.

This Act may be cited as the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998".

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, at this point, I certainly want to thank Senators for their cooperation on the passage of the Commerce, State, Justice bill. I, obviously, especially thank the Senator from South Carolina without whose expertise and input we could not have moved this bill in such an aggressive and bipartisan manner. He has a huge institutional knowledge, which he used in a most constructive and effective way in allowing us to pull together a bill that can work and that has passed with an exceptionally strong vote. I thank him for all his assistance.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as we say at home, let the record speak. I have been with this bill 26 years and, as the distinguished Senator from New Hampshire said, it was the first time we ever passed the bill unanimously. I thank the Senator for his cooperation and wonderful help on both sides.

Mr. GREGG. It could not have been done without the Senator's efforts and especially the assistance of the staff, which worked overtime on both sides of the aisle.

I especially want to thank Scott Gudes, who is the minority staff leader, and his assistants, Emily East and Karen Swanson Wolf, for their exceptional work on our side of the aisle. We had a wonderful team that worked literally hundreds of hours and did an exceptional job: Jim Morhard, who is the clerk, Kevin Linskey, Paddy Link, Carl Truscott, Dana Quam, and Vasiliki Alexopoulos. I can't say enough about the extraordinary effort that these people put in, and it certainly reflects in their expertise.

I would have to say that actually I am not sure we had a majority that passed this bill at one point earlier this year. So, the fact that it was passed in this way reflects the fact that a lot of extraordinary work went into it.

Again, I thank everyone for their participation.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to thank again the distinguished

chairman, Senator GREGG, from New Hampshire. He has worked these issues very hard and studied these programs with great deliberation. He has done a really, really superb job on this State, Justice, and Commerce bill. He has put this bill together in a bipartisan fashion, considering Members' interests from both sides of the aisle.

You know that is the way appropriations bills have worked in the past. Mr. President, that is the way they are supposed to work. It has enabled us to pass this bill through committee with overwhelming support. It has enabled us to quickly complete action in just a little more than 1 day. And, I believe that this spirit of bipartisanship will be reflected shortly in the vote on final passage.

Of course, I would also like to recognize the support and guidance from our new Committee Chairman TED STEVENS and his right hand man, our committee staff director Steve Cortese. They are getting the trains to run on time. In fact, we are way ahead of the House, which hasn't even taken up the State, Justice, and Commerce bill. Steve Cortese has taken on the job of running our full Appropriations Committee as well as continuing to serve as staff director of the Defense Subcommittee. That is incredible. And, we, of course, very much appreciate the support of our leader, Senator BYRD and his staff director, Jim English. Senator BYRD and Jim English know these 13 appropriations bills thoroughly. They work tirelessly and continue to watch out for our committee and for our Senate as an institution.

Mr. President, I would like to take a minute to recognize the subcommittee staff. On the majority side they are led by Jim Morhard. Jim is level headed and experienced. He knows appropriations and how to put together legislation and build consensus. I can tell you that Chairman STEVENS and Senator GREGG know they can rely on Jim's counsel. His staff includes Paddy Link, Kevin Linskey, Dana Quam, Vasiliki Alexopoulos, and Carl Truscott, who is on detail from the U.S. Secret Service. These individuals have been working night and day putting together this bill. They are all new this year to the subcommittee. Jim Morhard moved over from military construction appropriations; Paddy Link joined us from the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; and Kevin Linskey worked for the distinguished former leader, Senator Dole. They each bring unique backgrounds and perspectives to their positions. And, they have each had to learn about the agencies and programs in this very diverse and important State, Justice, and Commerce appropriations bill. They have had to be quick studies. They have done a truly outstanding job, and they have done a real service for the committee and the Senate.

I especially want to recognize Paddy Link for her dedication. I have known Paddy for years. She was, of course,

Larry Pressler's chief of staff on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. She has experience over in the House Science Committee and during the Reagan and Bush administrations Paddy was at Commerce and served as director of legislative affairs at NOAA. During the same week that this bill went before the subcommittee, Paddy's father suffered a severe stroke and tragically passed away. Paddy continued to lend a hand even under such trying circumstances. I think she knows that all the Members' hearts go out to her and her family in their loss. She went far beyond the call of duty to help out in the production of this bill. It is a tribute to her sense of public service and professionalism.

Finally, I want to recognize the staff on our side. Scott Gudes, our subcommittee staff director, has been with me now for almost 7 years after 4½ years on Defense appropriations. He has been with me so long that I've got him automatically thinking of USC as meaning the University of South Carolina instead of another institution in his native southern California. Karen Swanson Wolf, who is on detail to us from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has been doing a great job for the subcommittee. She has been dealing with justice and judiciary issues, and has been working on patent and trademark issues. And, finally, Emelie East who helps out this subcommittee as well as the Defense, Military Construction and Foreign Operations Subcommittees. Senator BYRD has picked a winner there. Every subcommittee, even the majority staff, keep putting in requests for Emelie to help out in markup, on the floor, and in conference. She is our utility player on the Appropriations Committee going from one bill to another. And, with this bill she will be seeing her fourth get through the Senate and be sent to the House of Representatives. Ms. East is as professional as they get and we all appreciate the outstanding work she does day in and day out.

So Mr. President, I just wanted to recognize these fine public servants. We don't do that enough around here. I, for one, appreciate their hard work.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HUTCHISON). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—
H.R. 2266

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Chair appoints conferees on H.R. 2266.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER,

Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DORGAN conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998.

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1022

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is amendment No. 1022 to S. 1048, the Transportation appropriations bill.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I know of no further discussion on amendment No. 1022.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1022) was agreed to.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1035 THROUGH 1044, EN BLOC

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I send a managers' package of amendments to the desk and ask that they be considered, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] proposes amendments numbered 1035 through 1044, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments are agreed to.

The amendments (Nos. 1035 through 1044) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1035

(Purpose: To extend the expiration date of a general provision from the fiscal year 1997 transportation appropriations act)

On page 52, at line 1, insert the following: SEC. 339. Subsection (d)(4) of 49 U.S.C. 31112 is amended by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "February 28, 1998".

AMENDMENT NO. 1036

(Purpose: To make technical corrections to sec. 332 of the bill and to make minor funding changes to the bill)

On page 12, line 19, strike "\$286,000,000" and insert: "\$190,000,000".

On page 23, line 10, strike "\$90,000,000" and insert: "\$190,000,000".

On page 24, line 8, strike "\$2,310,000" and insert: "\$2,210,000".

On page 24, line 10, strike "\$2,310,000" and insert: "\$2,210,000".

On page 24, line 19, strike "\$2,000,000,000" and insert: "\$2,008,000,000".

On page 25, line 5, strike "\$780,000,000" and insert: "\$788,000,000".

On page 46, line 16, strike the word "persons" and insert: "passengers".

On page 46, line 18, strike "\$363,000" and insert: "\$300,000".

On page 26, before line 20, insert the following: "\$4,645,000 for the Little Rock, Arkansas Junction Bridge project;".

AMENDMENT NO. 1037

(Purpose: To recognize transit bus projects)

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 340. Of funds made available under this Act for discretionary grants for replacement, rehabilitation, and purchase of buses and related equipment and the construction of bus-related facilities, up to \$20,000,000 may be provided to the State of Michigan and \$12,000,000 to the State of Illinois.

AMENDMENT NO. 1038

(Purpose: To provide for a study of the metropolitan planning process in Denver)

On page 24, line 3, strike the period at the end of the line and insert the following: "Provided, That within the funds made available under this head, \$500,000 may be made available to the Colorado Department of Transportation to study the metropolitan planning process and organization in the Denver metropolitan area. The study shall be based on a scope of work agreed to by Douglas County (on behalf of selected Denver regional county governments and municipal governments), the Denver Regional Council of Governments, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Within 24 months of enactment of this Act, the recommendations of this study will be transmitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations."

AMENDMENT NO. 1039

(Purpose: To make a technical correction relating to the Right-of-Way Revolving Fund)

On page 15, line 4, after the word "loans" insert: "to be repaid with other than Federal funds".

AMENDMENT NO. 1040

(Purpose: To clarify Sec. 335 of the bill)

On page 50, line 11, insert the following:

(D) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any existing statutes of the several States that define the obligations of such States to native Hawaiians, native Americans, or Alaskan natives in connection with ceded lands, except to make clear that airport revenues may not be used to satisfy any such obligations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1041

(Purpose: To facilitate the application of the pilot record-sharing provisions of title 49, United States Code, added by the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996, to air carriers operating non-scheduled operations under part 135 of the FAA regulations)

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . PILOT RECORD SHARING.

The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

(1) work with air carriers conducting non-scheduled operations under part 135 of the Federal Aviation Administration's regulations (14 C.F.R. 135.1 et seq.) to implement the requirements of section 44936(f) of title

49, United States Code, effectively and expeditiously; and

(2) implement those requirements with respect to such air carriers not later than February 1, 1998, or sooner if, in working with such air carriers, the Administrator determines that the provisions of that section can be effectively implemented for such air carriers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1042

(Purpose: To require the Secretary of Transportation to exercise the exemption authority under section 41714 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to certain air service between slot-controlled airports subject to that authority and nonhub points, within 120 days after receiving a request for such an exemption)

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . EXEMPTION AUTHORITY FOR AIR SERVICE TO SLOT-CONTROLLED AIRPORTS.

Section 41714 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(i) EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN EXEMPTION REQUESTS.—Within 120 days after receiving an application for an exemption under subsection (a)(2) to improve air service between a nonhub airport (as defined in section 41731(a)(4)) and a high density airport subject to the exemption authority under subsection (a), the Secretary shall grant or deny the exemption. The Secretary shall notify the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the grant or denial within 14 calendar days after the determination and state the reasons for the determination."

AMENDMENT NO. 1043

(Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate concerning the imminent expiration of highway and mass transit spending authorizations and the function of this bill)

On page 51, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING REAUTHORIZATION OF HIGHWAY AND MASS TRANSIT PROGRAMS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) on October 1, 1997, authorization for most of the programs authorized by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240), including mass transit programs, will expire;

(2) States, local governments, and the national economy depend on Federal investment in the transportation infrastructure of the United States;

(3) it is the duty of Congress to reauthorize the programs to ensure that the investment continues to flow and that there is no interruption of critical transportation services or construction; and

(4) the public and Congress should have a substantial opportunity to review, comment on, and comprehensively debate committee-reported proposals to reauthorize the programs well in advance of their expiration to ensure that the programs adequately reflect the needs of the United States and the contributions of the States.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that this Act should not be considered to be a substitute for a comprehensive measure reauthorizing highway and mass transit spending programs and should not be interpreted to authorize or otherwise direct the distribution of funds to the States under expiring formulas under title 23 or 49, United States Code, in fiscal year 1998.