

to develop essential sewer, water, and transportation infrastructure;

Whereas in his position as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, he is a national leader on defense, health care, and social issues and uses his position to benefit Pennsylvania, the region, and the people;

Whereas he founded the House Steel Caucus and regularly defends our steel industry from unfair imports; and

Whereas he has been 1 of the strongest advocates for children, seniors, and veterans: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. CONGRATULATION AND COMMENDATION.

The Senate—

(1) honors the lifelong commitment of John Murtha to the ideals of our Nation;

(2) recognizes John Murtha's exceptional dedication to his constituents, to the State of Pennsylvania, and to the United States; and

(3) congratulates John Murtha on 30 years of superior service in the United States Congress.

#### SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Congressman John Murtha.

MR. SPECTER. Mr. President, I rise to honor one of our most dedicated and patriotic colleagues—and a fellow Pennsylvanian—Congressman JOHN MURTHA, on the 30th anniversary of his service in the United States House of Representatives.

JACK MURTHA, during five decades of service to our Nation, has been an exemplar of dedication, drive, sacrifice and patriotism. He left Washington and Jefferson College after only one year of study to join the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Returning home, he ran a small business in Johnstown while starting a family with his wife, Joyce, and attending the University of Pittsburgh on the GI Bill. But his country called again and JACK MURTHA volunteered in Vietnam in 1966–67, already in his mid-30s.

In 1974, he became the first combat Vietnam veteran elected to Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

JACK MURTHA has worked tirelessly to attract and keep jobs in and around his District and to develop essential sewer, water and transportation infrastructure. As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, he has established himself as a national leader on defense, health-care and social issues. He founded the House Steel Caucus and regularly defends our steel industry from unfair imports, and has been one of the strongest advocates in Congress for children, seniors and veterans.

I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring JACK MURTHA for his lifelong commitment to the ideals of our Nation; for his exceptional dedication to his constituents, to the State of Pennsylvania and to our country; and for 30 years of superior service in the United States Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2297. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2298. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2299. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2300. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2301. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2302. Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. FITZGERALD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2303. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2304. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2305. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2306. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2307. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2308. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2309. Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2310. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2311. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DODD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1072, supra.

SA 2312. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2313. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2314. Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2315. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2316. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2317. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2318. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2319. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2320. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2321. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2322. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2323. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2324. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2325. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2326. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2327. Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2311 proposed by Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DODD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill S. 1072, supra.

SA 2328. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2329. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2330. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2388. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAHAM, of Florida, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2442. Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2496. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

SA 2552. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. TALENT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2341 submitted by Mr. TALENT (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1072, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2553. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. TALENT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2340 submitted by Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. COLEMAN) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2554. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2555. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2556. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2302 submitted by Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. FITZGERALD) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2557. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2441 submitted by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2297.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON THE APPLICATION OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT.**

The provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.), commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act, shall not apply to projects that receive funding under this Act (or an amendment made by this Act).

**SA 2298.** Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the blank in the appropriate clause in section 510(a)(4)(B) of title 23, United States Code (as added by section 2101(a)), insert "the Southwest Bridge Research Center, comprising New Mexico State University and the Oklahoma Transportation Center".

**SA 2299.** Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 733, strike lines 6 through 10 and insert the following:

"(xvii) installation and maintenance of signs (including fluorescent, yellow-green signs) at pedestrian-bicycle crossings and in school zones; or

"(xviii) if the State in which the lanes are located certifies to the Secretary that the upgrading of the lanes will provide a safety benefit, upgrading to 4 lanes portions of rural, 2-lane highways that have high accident rates and that are on—

"(I) the National Highway System; or

"(II) a high priority corridor identified under section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032).

**SA 2297.** Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION.**

Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(45) The corridor extending from the point on the border between the United States and Mexico in the State of Texas at which United States Route 54 begins, along United States Route 54 through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and ending in Wichita, Kansas, to be known as the 'Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation Corridor' or 'SPIRIT Corridor'."

**SA 2301.** Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2285 proposed by Mr. INHOFE to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 39, line 1, strike "\$2,000,000,000" and insert "\$1,328,000,000".

On page 39, line 6, strike "\$38,000,000" and insert "\$150,000,000".

Beginning on page 80, strike line 7 and all that follows through page 81, line 3, and insert the following:

#### **SEC. 1204. CONSTRUCTION OF FERRY BOATS AND FERRY TERMINAL AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES; COORDINATION OF FERRY CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 147 of title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### **"§ 147. Construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal and maintenance facilities; coordination of ferry construction, maintenance, and operation**

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) INSTITUTE.—The term 'Institute' means the National Ferry Transportation Institute established under subsection (d).

"(2) OFFICE.—The term 'Office' means the Ferry Joint Program Office established under subsection (c).

"(b) CONSTRUCTION OF FERRY BOATS AND FERRY TERMINAL AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a program for construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal and maintenance facilities in accordance with section 129(c).

"(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of construction of ferry boats and ferry terminals and maintenance facilities under this subsection shall be 80 percent.

"(3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall give priority in the allocation of funds under this subsection to those ferry systems, and public entities responsible for developing ferries, that—

"(A) carry the greatest number of passengers and vehicles;

"(B) carry the greatest number of passengers in passenger-only service; or

"(C) provide critical access to areas that are not well-served by other modes of surface transportation.

"(c) FERRY JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish an office, to be known as the 'Ferry Joint Program Office'—

"(A) to coordinate Federal programs affecting ferry boat and ferry facility construction, maintenance, and operations; and

"(B) to promote ferry service as a component of the transportation system of the United States.

"(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office shall—

"(A) coordinate ferry and ferry-related programs (including policy)—

"(i) within the Department of Transportation (including the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Maritime Administration, and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics); and

"(ii) with the Department of Homeland Security and other Federal and State agencies, as appropriate; and

"(B) with respect to the administration of ferry and ferry-related programs—

"(i) ensure resource accountability;

"(ii) provide strategic leadership for ferry research, development, testing, and deployment; and

"(iii) promote ferry transportation as a means to reduce social, economic, and environmental costs associated with traffic congestion.

"(d) NATIONAL FERRY DATABASE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Using the results of the study under section 1207(c) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (23 U.S.C. 129 note; 112 Stat. 185), the Secretary shall—

"(A) maintain a national ferry database, which shall contain current information regarding—

"(i) ferry systems, routes, and vessels;

"(ii) passengers and vehicles carried;

"(iii) funding sources; and

"(iv) such other matters as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

"(B) in accordance with paragraph (2), update the database and results of the study, as appropriate.

"(2) UPDATED DATABASE.—The Secretary shall update the national ferry database—

"(A) with respect to the initial updated version, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003; and

"(B) with respect to subsequent updated versions, every 2 years thereafter.

"(3) PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that the national ferry database is easily accessible to the public.

"(e) NATIONAL FERRY TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003, the Secretary shall