

FASTA authorized an independent Board to make recommendations on real estate actions designed to dispose of unneeded Federal real estate and redevelop underutilized property. This bill amends FASTA and aligns the dates of the termination of the Public Buildings Reform Board created by FASTA with the appointment of those Board members.

I have worked closely with Chairman BARLETTA during his tenure as chairman of the Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee, and I appreciate his leadership in making the management of real estate more efficient.

I also look forward to continuing his work to help the General Services Administration scrutinize the real estate decisions of the Federal Government in order to find savings, promote energy efficiency, and ensure transparency. Towards that end, I look forward to conducting vigorous oversight of the GSA in the next Congress to ensure that the American taxpayers are receiving full value for their dollars that are being invested in Federal real estate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7318.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

AMENDING FEDERAL ASSETS SALE AND TRANSFER ACT OF 2016 WITH RESPECT TO LEASEBACK OF CERTAIN FEDERAL PROPERTY

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7319) to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7319

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LEASEBACK RESTRICTION.

Section 12(b)(4) of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law 114-287) is amended—

(1) by inserting “for a period of greater than 3 years” before the period at the end;

(2) by striking “None of the” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—None of the”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A leaseback under this paragraph—

“(i) shall expire on or before the last day of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the sale of the respective property;

“(ii) may not contain any options to extend or renew the leaseback;

“(iii) may only be entered into once for purposes of temporarily housing the Federal agency in the property at the time of the sale; and

“(iv) shall only be for the purpose of facilitating the sale of the respective property.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 7319.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7319 amends the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide leaseback flexibility in certain circumstances to facilitate the sale of property and maximize the return to the taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of H.R. 7319. This bill addresses an issue which has come up since the enactment of FASTA in the last Congress. The change allows the Federal Government to temporarily lease back a piece of Federal property in order to facilitate the sale of that property. Ultimately, the goal of this provision is to allow the government to more readily dispose of underutilized property.

I look forward to working with the Public Buildings Reform Board, as I mentioned, once all of its members are appointed, and I urge Members of this body to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7319.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO FRANK LOBIONDO COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7329) to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7329

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) Upon the date amendments to section 3305(d)(3)(B) of title 46, United States Code, take effect under section 501(a) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282), such section is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” and inserting “Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018”.

(b) Upon the date section 4312 of title 46, United States Code, takes effect under section 503(c) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282), such section is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” each place it appears and inserting “Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018”.

(c) Section 821(a)(2) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” and inserting “this Act”.

(d) Section 820(b)(2) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by inserting “and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141)” after “(Public Law 115-31)”.

(e) Section 820(a) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “years 2018 and” and inserting “year”.

(f) Section 810(d) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “within 30 days after receiving the notice under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall, by not later than 60 days after transmitting such notice,” and inserting “in accordance within subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall”.

(g) Subsections (a) and (d) of section 408 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) shall have no force or effect.

(h) This section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) and apply as if included therein as enacted.

SEC. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REPRESENTATION.

Section 15106(c)(3) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “mineral and oil operations, including geophysical services” and inserting “operations”;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “exploration and recovery”;

(3) in subparagraph (E), by striking “engaged in diving services related to offshore construction, inspection, and maintenance” and inserting “providing diving services to the offshore industry”;

(4) in subparagraph (F), by striking “engaged in safety and training services related to offshore exploration and construction” and inserting “providing safety and training services to the offshore industry”;

(5) in subparagraph (G), by striking “engaged in pipelaying services related to offshore construction” and inserting “providing subsea engineering, construction, or remotely operated vehicle support to the offshore industry”;

(6) in subparagraph (H), by striking “mineral and energy”;

(7) in subparagraph (I), by striking “national environmental entities” and inserting “entities providing environmental protection, compliance, or response services to the offshore industry”;

(8) in subparagraph (J), by striking “deep-water ports” and inserting “entities engaged in offshore oil exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf adjacent to Alaska”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 7329.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This bill makes technical corrections to the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, which was signed into law on December 4, 2018. It corrects certain dates and updates membership on a Coast Guard advisory committee.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise also in support of this noncontroversial legislation that makes technical changes to the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act, which was just recently signed into law. I agree that it makes sense to enact these technical corrections at this time to ensure that the amendments contained in Public Law 115-282 are enacted and codified as accurately as possible.

I commend the sponsor for his initiative in introducing this legislation, and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7329.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTS HARMONIZATION ACT

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3367) to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3367

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act”.

SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CHARGES AND FEES FOR ATTENDANCE AT UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

Section 51314(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “shall notify Congress of” and inserting “shall present at the next meeting of the Board of Visitors, and post on a publicly available website,”.

SEC. 3. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON ALIGNING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.

Section 310(f)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, and make publicly available on the Department of Transportation website,” after “House of Representatives”.

SEC. 4. REPORTING ON THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR.

(a) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT.—Section 24905(e) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(b) CONTENTS OF GRANT REQUESTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 24319(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) describe the status of efforts to improve safety and security on the Northeast Corridor main line, including a description of any efforts to implement recommendations of relevant railroad safety advisory committees.”.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or an amendment made by this subsection shall affect a grant request made under section 24319 of title 49, United States Code, before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS REPORT TO CONGRESS.

(a) DOT REPORTS.—Section 402 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (n) and inserting the following:

“(n) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall publicly release on its website information that contains each State’s performance with respect to the State’s highway safety plan under subsection (k) and performance targets set by the States in such plans. Such information shall be posted on the website within 45 calendar days of approval of a State’s highway safety plan.”.

(b) GAO REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the highway safety programs under section 402 of title 23, United States Code. In carrying out the review, the Comptroller General shall review States’ progress in achieving safety performance targets, including how States are utilizing grants and problems encountered in achieving such targets.

(2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that contains the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1), including any recommendations for improvements to State activities and the Secretary of Transportation’s administration of the highway safety programs.

SEC. 6. CESSATION OF CERTAIN ADVISORY COUNCILS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

(a) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE.—Section 24905(e) of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) SUNSET.—The Committee established under this subsection ceases to exist on the date that the Secretary determines positive train control, as required by section 20157, is fully implemented along the Northeast Corridor.”.

(b) NATIONAL RAIL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.—Section 24910(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) SUNSET.—The advisory board established under this subsection ceases to exist effective January 1, 2019.”.

SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO RAIL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—Subtitle V of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 24401 through 24408 as sections 22901 through 22908, respectively;

(2) by redesignating chapter 244 as chapter 229;

(3) by moving chapter 229, as redesignated, to appear at the end of part B;

(4) in the table of chapters—

(A) by striking the item relating to chapter 244; and

(B) by inserting after the item relating to chapter 227 the following:

“Chapter 229. Rail Improvement Grants 22901”; and

(5) by amending the table of sections for chapter 229, as redesignated, to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 229—RAIL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

“Sec.

“22901. Definitions.

“22902. Capital investment grants to support intercity passenger rail services.

“22903. Project management oversight.

“22904. Use of capital grants to finance first-dollar liability of grant project.

“22905. Grant conditions.

“22906. Authorization of appropriations.