

The painstaking and vital work of maintaining and updating the code falls to the expert lawyers working under the supervision of the House in the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. We owe a great debt to these attorneys who ably carry out their statutory mandate "to develop and keep current an official and positive codification of the laws of the United States," while maintaining strict impartiality as to legislative policy.

H.R. 7324 is the first of five bills that we are taking up today that make conforming changes to statutes that have been impacted by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel's positive law codification efforts while making no change in the meaning or effect of any existing laws.

This legislation will help ensure that the code is an authoritative, accurate, and accessible source of Federal law, and I thank the gentlewoman from Vermont (Ms. BALINT) for introducing the bill.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I reserve and am prepared to close.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Vermont (Ms. BALINT).

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, the House Committee on the Judiciary is tasked with the underappreciated yet critical responsibility to oversee the revision and codification of the statutes of the United States.

I appreciate that today we are continuing the strong bipartisan tradition of ensuring that the U.S. Code is current and accurate.

Currently consisting of 54 titles, the U.S. Code compiles the general and permanent laws of the United States into subject areas. This categorization makes our Federal laws much more accessible both to government officials but also to private citizens who seek the benefit or relief the laws provide to them.

The painstaking work in maintaining and updating the U.S. Code falls to the expert lawyers working under the supervision of the House and the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. I am grateful to them for their hard work and dedication to the rule of law.

H.R. 7324 makes technical corrections to the U.S. Code. It is part of an effort to codify positive law in the U.S. Code. Specifically, the bill makes conforming amendments related to public contracts under title 41 of the code.

The statutory changes made by these bills are purely technical. They do not change the meaning or the effect of any existing laws. They simply ensure that the code is an authoritative, accurate, and accessible source of Federal law.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member NADLER and Chairman JORDAN for the bipartisan way in which they have moved these bills. I encourage my House colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I urge support of the bill also, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7324.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE, AS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE CODE

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7341) to make technical amendments to title 49, United States Code, as necessary to improve the Code.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7341

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

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purpose.

Sec. 3. Technical amendments to chapter 224 of title 49, United States Code.

Sec. 4. Other technical amendments.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to make technical amendments to title 49, United States Code, as necessary to improve the Code.

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 224 OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 22401 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "(A) The term" and inserting the following:

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term";

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) as subclauses (I), (II), and (III);

(ii) by striking "(B) The cost" and inserting the following:

"(B) DIRECT LOAN.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The cost"; and

(iii) by striking "Calculation of the cost of a direct loan" and inserting:

"(ii) INCLUSION.—Calculation of the cost of a direct loan";

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II);

(ii) by striking "(C) The cost" and inserting the following:

"(C) LOAN GUARANTEE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The cost"; and

(iii) by striking "Calculation of the cost of a loan guarantee" and inserting the following:

"(ii) INCLUSION.—Calculation of the cost of a loan guarantee";

(D) in subparagraph (D), by striking "(D) The cost" and inserting the following:

"(D) MODIFICATION.—The cost";

(E) in subparagraph (E), by striking "(E) In estimating" and inserting the following:

"(E) NET PRESENT VALUES.—In estimating"; and

(F) in subparagraph (F), by striking "(F) When funds" and inserting the following:

"(F) BASIS OF ESTIMATED COST.—When funds";

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting "(2 U.S.C. 900(c)(9))" after "Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985"; and

(3) in paragraph (12)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "of this title" after "section 20102"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "of this title" after "section 24102".

(b) DIRECT LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 22402 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking "government sponsored" and inserting "government-sponsored";

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting "of this title" after "section 20157(i)";

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "(2 U.S.C. 661c(b)(1))" after "section 504(b)(1) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990";

(B) in paragraph (5)—

(i) in the matter before subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting "of this title" after "section 22406(a)(2)";

(II) by striking "(Public Law 114-94)" and inserting "(Public Law 114-94, 129 Stat. 1312)"; and

(III) by striking "(Public Law 94-210)" and inserting "(Public Law 94-210, 90 Stat. 31)"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "(Public Law 117-58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)" after "Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021"; and

(C) in paragraph (7), by inserting "(Public Law 117-58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)" after "Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021";

(4) in subsection (g)(1)(C)(ii)(II), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(5) in subsection (h)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by inserting "of this title" after "section 24312"; and

(ii) by inserting "of this title" after "section 24308(a)"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22404"; and

(6) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking the heading "ACTIONS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET" and inserting the heading "ACTIONS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET";

(B) in paragraph (4)(A)—

(i) by inserting "(Public Law 117-58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)" after "Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021"; and

(ii) by striking "an streamlined" and inserting "a streamlined"; and

(C) in paragraph (6)(A)—

(i) in clause (iv), by striking "refinancing an" and inserting "refinancing of an"; and

(ii) in clause (ix), by inserting "of this title" after "section 5323(j)".

(c) ADMINISTRATION OF DIRECT LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 22403 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402";

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402";

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402";

(4) in subsection (d)(3), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402(f)";

(5) in subsection (g), in the matter before paragraph (1), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402";

(6) in subsection (h)(1), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402";

(7) in subsection (i)—

(A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by inserting "of this title" after "section 22402" each place it appears; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “of this section”; and

(8) in subsection (m), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”.

(d) SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS.—Section 22405(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 22406 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking the period at the end;

(2) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402(f)(5)”; and

(3) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22403(1)(1)”.

SEC. 4. OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE BUREAU.—Section 116(d)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “sections 22401 through 22403”.

(b) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2021.—Section 21303(1) of the Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021 (49 U.S.C. 22402 note) is amended by striking “section 22402(b)(1)(E) of title 49” and inserting “section 22402(b)(1)(F) of title 49”.

(c) GRANT CONDITIONS.—Section 22905(c)(2)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “section 22404”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 7341.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7341. This bill was prepared for the House Committee on the Judiciary by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

In 2021, Congress enacted the Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021. That law created a new chapter 224 in title 49. H.R. 7341 makes various technical corrections in title 49 to account for the creation of that new chapter.

This bill does not change the substance of any law on the books. It simply updates title 49 to account for laws passed by Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on the House Committee on the Judiciary for the bipartisan way that we handle these bills. I urge support of H.R. 7341, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7341, which makes a number of technical amendments to title 49 of the U.S. Code while making no substantive changes.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7341.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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MAKING REVISIONS IN TITLE 51, UNITED STATES CODE, AS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE TITLE CURRENT, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE THE UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7339) to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7339

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

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purposes; restatement does not change meaning or effect of existing law.

Sec. 3. Revision of title 51, United States Code.

Sec. 4. Technical amendments.

Sec. 5. Transitional and savings provisions.

Sec. 6. Repeals.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES; RESTATEMENT DOES NOT CHANGE MEANING OR EFFECT OF EXISTING LAW.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current; and

(2) to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

(b) RESTATEMENT DOES NOT CHANGE MEANING OR EFFECT OF EXISTING LAW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The restatement of existing law enacted by this Act does not change the meaning or effect of the existing law. The restatement incorporates in title 51, United States Code, various provisions that were enacted separately over a period of years, reorganizing them, conforming style and terminology, modernizing obsolete language, and correcting drafting errors. These changes serve to remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections, but they do not change the meaning or effect of the existing law or impair the precedential value of earlier judicial decisions or other interpretations.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the plain meaning rule or other rules of statu-

tory construction, a change in wording made in the restatement of existing law enacted by this Act serves to clarify the existing law as indicated in paragraph (1), but not to change the meaning or effect of the existing law.

(B) REVISION NOTES.—Subparagraph (A) applies whether or not a change in wording is explained by a revision note appearing in a congressional report accompanying this Act. If such a revision note does appear, a court shall consider the revision note in interpreting the change.

SEC. 3. REVISION OF TITLE 51, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) REVISION OF TITLE TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The title table of contents of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to chapter 301 and inserting the following:

“301. Funding 30101”;

(2) by striking the item relating to chapter 315 and inserting the following:

“315. Facilities and Infrastructure 31501

“317 Through 397 31701

Reserved 31701

“399. Miscellaneous 39901”;

(3) by striking the item relating to chapter 409 and inserting the following:

“409. Aeronautics and Space Tech-

nology 40901

“411 Through 497 41101

Reserved 41101

“499. Miscellaneous 49901”;

(4) by striking the items relating to chapters 513 and 515 and inserting the following:

“513. Space Resource Commercial

Exploration and Utilization 51301

“515. Office of Spaceports 51501

“517. Development and Use of Com-

mercial Cargo and Crew Trans-

portation Capabilities 51701”;

(5) by striking the item relating to chapter 701 and inserting the following:

“701. Use of Space Launch System or

Alternatives 70101”;

and

(6) by inserting after the item relating to chapter 713 the following:

“715. Human Space Flight and Explo-

ration 71501

“717. Advancing Human Space Explo-

ration 71701”.

(b) REVISION OF SECTION 20144.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 20144 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “The Administration may carry out a program to award prizes only in conformity with this section.”; and

(B) in subsection (i)(4), by striking “Committee on Science and Technology” and inserting “Committee on Science, Space, and Technology”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1)(A) is effective on January 4, 2011.

(c) REVISION OF SECTION 20145.—Section 20145 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (h) as subsections (g) through (i), respectively;

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) PROCEEDS.—Proceeds from leases entered into under this section shall be deposited in the Administration Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration appropriations account. The proceeds shall be available for a period of 5 years, to the extent and in amounts provided in appropriations acts.”; and

(3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), in the matter before paragraph (1), by striking “the date of the enactment of the National Aeronautics and Space