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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 7019 -- Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1983

Sponsor: Rep. Whitten (D), Mississippi

Last Day For Action

December 29, 1982

Purpose

Provides budget authority totaling \$11,675 million and outlays of \$19,926 million for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Transportation	Approval (informally)
Other affected agencies	Approval (informally)

Summary of Congressional Action

	(in millions of dollars)			
	<u>Admin- istration Request</u>	<u>Senate Committee Sec. 302(b)</u>	<u>Congres- sional Change</u>	<u>Enrolled Bill</u>
Annually funded discre-				
tionary programs:				
Budget authority.....	10,315	11,348	-143	11,205
Outlays.....	7,996	8,450	-192	8,258
All other essentially non-				
discretionary programs:				
Budget authority.....	441	452	+18	470
Outlays.....	11,640	11,650	+18	11,668
Total discretionary and				
non-discretionary programs:				
Budget authority.....	10,756	11,800	-125	11,675
Outlays.....	19,636	20,100	-174	19,926

Highlights

During Congress's deliberations on the budget for fiscal year 1983, we agreed to measure the level of budget authority provided for discretionary programs against the Senate Committee 302(b) allocation, the standard used by the Senate to measure the acceptability of its appropriations actions. This enrolled bill, the Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 1983, falls within the Senate Committee 302 allocation for discretionary programs by \$143 million in budget authority and \$192 million in outlays.

No funds are provided in this bill for proposals that are related to the gas tax increase. Funding for these proposals is addressed in separate legislation.

The Credit Budget

	<u>Admin- istration Request</u>	<u>Budget Resolution</u>	<u>Change From Budget Resolution</u>	<u>Enrolled Bill</u>
Credit limitations:				
Direct loans.....	2	2	---	2
Loan guarantees.....	---	373	-273	100

The enrolled bill provides for new guaranteed loan limitations of \$100 million, \$273 million less than the amount assumed in the budget resolution. No new guaranteed loan limitation is provided for the Aircraft purchase loan guarantee program as opposed to \$100 million assumed in the resolution. Rather, the bill makes available in 1983 the balance of the \$100 million in authority not committed during 1982 (approximately \$82 million.) In addition, the bill includes a limitation of \$100 million for the Railroad improvement loan guarantee program, rather than the \$270 million assumed in the resolution. In addition, the Congress did not provide \$3 million assumed in the Budget Resolution for Emergency rail services.

Discussion

The enrolled bill provides \$434 million for the Panama Canal Commission, \$18 million less than you requested, but generally in line with what we had hoped to receive from the conference committee.

Both the House and Senate versions of the Transportation bill provided excessive funding for mass transit operating subsidies. Before the conference committee convened we noted that both funding levels were too high, but the Senate level was preferable. The enrolled bill

includes the Senate level, which is \$261 million over your request. Other major increases over your request include +\$124 million for Coast Guard capital programs and +\$100 million for Amtrack. Finally, the Congress provided +\$483 for the interstate transfer program, but that increase was provided in Public Law 97-276, the First Continuing Resolution.

While the ceiling on Federal-aid highway obligations is raised by \$400 million in the bill, your request has already been modified by the recently transmitted 5c/ gallon gas tax increase. Therefore, the increase is of little significance.

The enrolled bill includes several language provisions that we hoped would be deleted in conference. These provisions are:

- A provision that writes off \$110 million of debt owed the Treasury by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.
- A provision that authorizes the Court of Claims to render final judgments on airlines' claims from compensation from the CAB under sections 406 and 419 of the Federal Aviation Act, which could lead to unfavorable financial action against the Government.

The provisions are undesirable but are not worthy of special attention from you in considering the enrolled bill.

Except for the above noted increases, the bill is in conformance with the major elements of your request. The conference committee reduced both the House and Senate marks to accommodate the concerns expressed by OMB in a letter of December 8, 1982.

Recommendation

An enrolled bill has been presented to you that is consistent with the Senate Committee 302(b) allocation and conformance with the Senate Committee 302(b) allocation is the standard by which we agreed ultimately to judge this bill. I recommend that you sign the enrolled bill.



David A. Stockman
Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 18, 1982

The President today signed the following bills:

H.R.7019: An Act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, and for other purposes.

H.R.7072: An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, and for other purposes.

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