

THUD Managers Package

Murkowski Amendment on Highway Easement

- Report language directing the Secretary of Transportation to work with the Chief of the Forest Service to ensure highway easements are issued in a timely manner.

Daines Amendment on Green Physical Needs Assessments for Public Housing Agencies

- Bill language prohibiting HUD from requiring public housing agencies with 250 or fewer units to submit a Green Physical Needs Assessment.

Shaheen Amendment on Telework on Relocated Employees

- Report language encouraging HUD to provide employees affected by HUD's Multifamily reorganization with flexible work schedule and telework options.

Murray Amendment on Oil Spill Response Plans

- Bill language directing PHMSA to initiate a rulemaking to expand the applicability of comprehensive oil spill response plans to rail carriers within 90 days of enactment and to issue a final rule no later than 1 year after enactment of this act.

Daines/Tester Amendment on Pipeline Safety at River Crossings

- Report language directing PHMSA to provide a report on pipeline safety at river crossings during flood events.

Boozman Amendment on Designation of I-555

- Bill language that allows vehicles currently operating on a 4-mile access road in Arkansas to continue operating at safe speeds once the road is designated as I-555.

Senator Murkowski – Highway Easement Coordination Between the Departments of Transportation and the US Forest Service

On page 47 of the report after the first paragraph, insert:

“Highway Easement.—The Secretary is directed to work with the Chief of the Forest Service to ensure that easements are issued in a timely manner as required by Section 4407 of P.L. 109-59.”

Senator Daines – Prohibiting HUD from requiring Public Housing Agencies with less than 250 units to submit a Green Physical Needs Assessment

After line 11 on page 339 of the bill, insert the following:

“Sec. 248. None of the funds made available under this title shall be used to enforce compliance with the Green Physical Needs Assessment for Public Housing Agencies with 250 housing units or less.”

On page 143 of the report, insert:

“Section 248. This section prohibits HUD from requiring public housing agencies with less than 250 public housing units to conduct a Green Physical Needs Assessment.”

Senator Shaheen – Telework and Alternative Work Schedules

On page 104 of the report at the appropriate spot, insert:

“In doing so, the Committee strongly encourages the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide Office of Multifamily Housing employees impacted by the Multifamily Housing Transformation with flexible work schedule options and telework options. This flexibility is critical for employees to maintain consistent representation in non-urban housing markets throughout implementation of the Multifamily Housing Transformation and after the Multifamily Housing Transformation has been completed.”

Senator Murray – Rulemaking on Oil Spill Response Plans

On page 230 of the bill, line 12, strike:

“.” and insert “: *Provided further*, That no later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking to expand the applicability of comprehensive oil spill response plans, and shall issue a Final Rule no later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.”

Senators Daines/Tester – Pipeline Safety at River Crossings

On page 91 of the report, after the first paragraph, insert:

*“Pipeline Safety at River Crossings.—*The Committee recognizes the importance of protecting the integrity of pipelines at river crossings. River crossings present unique challenges to preserving pipeline infrastructure buried under a river bed. Fast-moving water and erosion can change the characteristics of rivers rapidly, exposing these pipelines and making them more susceptible to rupture. The Committee recognizes that PHMSA has recently studied this issue. Given the importance of safeguarding our waterways, the Committee directs the Department to report on how real-time monitoring during flood events and pertinent data from other agencies such as the United States Geological Survey is being used to address challenges associated with the dynamic and unique nature of rivers and flood plains.”

Senator Boozman – Promoting Safety on Future I-555

On page 199 of the bill, line 21, strike the end quote and final period and insert the following:

“(n) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.—If any segment of United States Route 63 between the exits for Arkansas Highway 14 and Arkansas Highway 75 is designated as part of the Interstate System—

“(1) a vehicle that could legally operate on the segment before the date of such designation at the posted speed limit may continue to operate on that segment; and

“(2) a vehicle that can only travel slower than the posted speed limit on the segment and could otherwise legally operate on the segment before the date of such designation may continue to operate on that segment during daylight hours.”

Shelby Amendment on Twin Trailer Lengths

On page 207 of the bill, insert Section 137

Sec. 137. (a) Section 31111(b)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “or of less than 28 feet on a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck tractor semitrailer-trailer combination,” and inserting “or, notwithstanding section 31112, of less than 33 feet on a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck tractor semitrailer-trailer combination,”.

(b) Section 31111(f) of title 49, United States Code, the term “chief executive officer of a State” shall include “chief executive officer of a State Department of Transportation”.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation is directed to conduct a study comparing crash data between 28 foot and 33 foot semitrailers or trailers operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer configuration. The Secretary shall submit its study to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than three years after the date of enactment of this Act.

Report Language for Section 137:

The bill extends the current 28 feet minimum requirement for a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck tractor semitrailer-trailer combination to 33 feet. The bill also provides authority to a State Department of Transportation, in addition to the existing authority for a Governor, to request an exemption for any segment of the National Highway Network, if it is not capable of safely accommodating a commercial motor vehicle at the 33 foot configuration. The Secretary of Transportation is directed to provide quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a consolidated list of State exemptions and the analysis used to determine such finding. The Secretary also is directed to provide a crash data analysis report comparing twin 28 foot configurations to 33 foot configurations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations three years from date of enactment of this act. Additionally, the Secretary is directed to make recommendations as to whether the adoption of any technologies, such as collision avoidance and stability control, would improve safety. Finally, the Secretary is directed to ensure, through guidance, that States are made aware of existing authority in law to determine which routes off the National Network can be restricted to trucks without going through a formal process. This authority may be used by States to ensure that longer twin trailers are not able to access local downtown roadways or other highway or bridge infrastructure that may not be designed to support them.

Moran Amendment

Insert at the end of page 201 in the bill:

Sec. 127. EXEMPTION.—

(a) IN GENERAL. Section 31112(c)(5) of title 49, United States Code, is amended —

(1) by striking “Nebraska may” and inserting “Nebraska and Kansas may”; and

(2) by striking “the State of Nebraska” and inserting “the relevant state”.

(b) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS. —

Section 31112(c) of such title is amended —

(1) by striking the subsection designation and heading and inserting the following:

“(c) SPECIAL RULES FOR WYOMING, OHIO, ALASKA, IOWA, NEBRASKA, AND KANSAS. —”;

(2) by striking “; and” at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting “; and”.