

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
BILL

FOR FY 2015

Full Committee Markup  
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Managers' Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development,  
and Related Agencies Act

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In the bill:

Page 7, line 12 – strike “\$7,000,000” and insert “\$6,000,000”.

Page 9, line 24 – after “cost share” insert “so that the per passenger subsidy does not exceed \$500”.

Page 11, line 19 – strike “\$9,040,850,000” and insert “\$8,595,000,000”.

Page 20, line 22 – strike the first instance of “described” and insert “referred to”.

Page 20, line 23 and 24 – strike “(in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act)” and insert “of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014”.

Page 53, line 7 – strike “2013” and insert “2012”.

Page 54, line 3 – strike “\$31,500,000” and insert “\$32,500,000”.

Page 69, line 6 – strike “20” and insert “33”.

Page 69, line 21 – insert the following new section:

Sec. 195. Any unexpended amounts available for obligation under the heading “Federal Railroad Administration—Safety and Operations” under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447) shall be made available for rail safety oversight activities for the transport of energy products: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000 of unexpended amounts available for obligation under the heading “Federal Railroad Administration—Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service” for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 shall be made available for grade crossing safety improvements on rail routes that transport energy products.

Page 76, line 2 – after “Secretary,” insert “excluding amounts subject to the single fund budget authority provisions of their MTW agreements,”.

Page 93, line 12 – strike the dollar amount and insert “\$305,900,000”.

Page 100, line 19 – before the heading “Housing Programs”, insert the following new section:

**BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT**

**(RESCISSION)**

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading are hereby permanently rescinded.

Page 105, line 14—strike “\$45,000,000” and insert “\$47,000,000”.

Page 113, line 13—strike “\$100,000,000” and insert “\$98,000,000”.

Page 113, line 14—strike “\$85,000,000” and insert “\$83,000,000”.

In the report:

Page 10 – Amend the summary table and the “Committee Recommendation” under the heading “Transportation Planning, Research, and Development” to reflect that \$6,000,000 is recommended in the bill.

Page 14 – Under “Trust Fund Share of FAA Budget” strike “\$9,040,850,000” and insert “\$8,595,000,000”.

Page 15 – On the first line strike “\$709,150,000” and insert “\$1,155,000,000”.

Page 15 – In the paragraph titled “Air Traffic Controller Staffing”, after the third sentence, insert:

The FAA received an overwhelming response to its most recent job announcement for new controllers. However, the Committee is concerned that the initial screening of those applications yielded a much smaller pool of candidates than is normally expected. The Committee understands FAA intends to solicit additional applications before the end of fiscal year 2014 if the agency determines it will not meet its stated hiring goals. The Committee directs the FAA to provide an update on its fiscal year 2014 controller hiring progress to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by November 5, 2014. This update should include hiring totals, academy completion totals, and an analysis of hiring and screening procedures.

And begin a new paragraph with the sentence starting with “Last year...”

Page 17 – At the bottom of the page after the last paragraph, insert:

*One engine inoperative policy.*—On April 28, 2014, the FAA published a notice of proposed policy regarding the impact of one engine inoperative procedures in obstruction evaluation aeronautical studies. The Committee directs FAA to carefully consider all comments that are submitted on this proposed policy and to work with relevant stakeholders to preserve safety and efficiency while balancing the important needs of communities, airports and airport users. The Committee urges FAA to consider whether a cost benefit analysis should be required in the final policy on obstruction evaluation aeronautical studies.

Page 18 – Before the header “Finance and Management”, insert:

The Committee supports utilizing heavy-lift launch capability, including the Space Launch System, to execute commercial missions to low earth orbit and beyond low earth orbit destinations. Therefore, the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation is urged to leverage its existing launch licensing authority to encourage private sector investment in systems by ensuring that commercial activities can be conducted on a non-interference basis.

Page 31 – In the paragraph titled “Innovative financing”, strike “principle subsidized by funds” and insert “subsidy”.

Page 40 – Before the heading “Highway Traffic Safety Grants”, insert:

*Materials research.*—The Committee is encouraged by the development of, and important findings related to, those materials which have played important roles in the improvement of fuel efficiency and the enhancement of automobile performance. The Committee commends NHTSA for its study of light vehicles, and encourages the agency to continue its work to advance the state of the art of predictive engineering for plastics and polymer-based composites in the automotive field.

Page 42 – Before the heading “Railroad Research and Development”, insert:

*Positive train control.*—Section 104 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act required the implementation of positive train control systems on railroads by December 31, 2015. The Committee directs FRA to provide a progress report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment on the status of railroad compliance with positive train control requirements included in section 20157 of title 49, United States Code.

Page 48—In the first sentence after the heading “Committee Recommendation”: 1) after the words “capital grants” insert “,” and strike “and”; 2) after the words “debt service” insert “, and”.

Page 49—In the first full sentence, strike “nearly \$300,000,000” and add after “purchase” insert “, which now totals \$349,800,000,”.

Page 52 – Under “Transit Formula Grants” – “Committee Recommendation”, insert the following between the two paragraphs:

*Transit formula allocations.* – The Committee continues to have significant concerns over the number of localities that are negatively impacted by changes to the transit formula grants program funds distribution methodology as contained in MAP-21. Under the current formula, the funds for bus replacement, purchase, and rehabilitation are severely reduced from previous years. Some transit experts estimate the program-wide loss could be as much as \$1,000,000,000 when compared to prior surface authorization Acts. This reduction is disproportionately impacting transit agencies in medium and smaller-sized cities, and in those regions and states with older bus fleets. The Committee strongly urges the Department to work with the authorizing committees of jurisdiction when crafting the next surface bill to either reinstate the bus and bus facilities program, or create a program similar to the rail state of good repair program to help these impacted communities with their bus replacement needs.

Page 55 – Section 166. Delete “2013” and insert “2012”.

Page 56 – Amend the summary table and the “Committee Recommendation” under the heading “Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation” to reflect that \$32,500,000 is recommended in the bill.

Page 56 – Before the heading “Maritime Administration” insert the following:

*Economic and Trade Development*—The Committee includes an additional \$1,000,000 to support the economic and trade development mission of the SLSDC.

Page 66—Insert the following as a new paragraph after Section 194.:

Section 195. The Committee includes a new provision which allows \$710,477 in unexpended funds from fiscal year 2005 to increase the safety oversight of rail routes that carry energy products and provides \$10,000,000 to make grade crossing improvements on rail routes that carry energy products.

Page 81 – Amend the summary table and “Committee Recommendation” under the heading “Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS” to reflect that \$305,900,000 is recommended in the bill.

Page 81 – Before the heading “Community Development Fund”, insert:

*Formula funding methodology.*— The current HOPWA formula, which is based on cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence, no longer reflects the nature of an epidemic that has been transformed by both advances in HIV health care and surveillance, and by the increasingly disproportionate impact of the virus on communities of poverty and color. The Committee encourages the Department to work with the authorizing committees on any additional statutory authority needed to modernize the HOPWA formula.

Page 85 – Before the heading “Housing Programs”, insert the following new section:

**BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT**

**(RESCISSION)**

The Committee recommendation permanently rescinds unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds previously appropriated under this heading.

Page 87 – Amend the summary table and “Committee Recommendation” under the heading “Housing Counseling Assistance” to reflect that \$47,000,000 is recommended in the bill.

Page 94 – Amend the summary table and “Committee Recommendation” under the heading “Information Technology Fund” to reflect that \$98,000,000 is recommended in the bill.

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In the report:

Page 74, in the paragraph titled "Administrative Fees", add the following:

The Committee ~~shall~~ directs HUD to evaluate the effect of voucher portability on administrative costs to PHAs experiencing a large number of vouchers that are ported in from other jurisdictions. The Secretary is directed to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the authorizing Committees of jurisdiction on the findings, 180 days after enactment of this Act.

and possible remedies to address any inequities in the administrative fee formula;



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**AMENDMENT TO TRANSPORTATION AND HUD  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
OFFERED BY MR. PRICE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Page 113, line 13, strike the dollar amount and insert "\$99,000,000".

Page 113, line 14, strike the dollar amount and insert "\$84,000,000".

Page 147, strike lines 12 through 19 and insert the following:

1 For necessary expenses (including payment of sala-  
2 ries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles,  
3 the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of ex-  
4 perts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United  
5 States Code) of the United States Interagency Council on  
6 Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to  
7 title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,  
8 as amended, \$3,500,000: ~~Provided, That title II of the~~  
9 ~~McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amended by~~  
10 striking section 209 (42 U.S.C. 11319).

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