103D CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5210

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a demonstration project to establish a highway corridor from Chihuahua, Mexico, through El Paso, Texas, to Denver, Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 1994

Mr. Coleman (for himself, Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Schiff) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. CAMINO REAL CORRIDOR.
- 4 (a) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of
- 5 Transportation shall carry out a project to establish a
- 6 highway corridor to be known as the "Camino Real Cor-
- 7 ridor" from Chihuahua, Mexico, through El Paso, Texas,
- 8 to Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of demonstrating

- 1 methods of improving cross-border passages of people,
- 2 goods, and capital.
- 3 (b) Location of Highway Improvements.—The
- 4 Secretary shall carry out the project pursuant to sub-
- 5 section (a) by making improvements to Interstate Route
- 6 10 and border arterials in El Paso County, Texas, and
- 7 by making improvements to Interstate Route 25 in the
- 8 States of New Mexico and Colorado. Such improvements
- 9 shall include implementation of intelligent vehicle highway
- 10 systems.
- 11 (c) CAMINO REAL CORRIDOR COMMISSION.—
- 12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—As part of the project to
- be carried out under subsection (a), the Secretary
- shall establish a commission to be known as the
- 15 "Camino Real Corridor Commission".
- 16 (2) DUTIES.—It shall be the duty of the Com-
- mission to advise the Secretary on methods to en-
- sure the efficient use of the Camino Real Corridor.
- 19 (3) Membership.—The Commission shall be
- composed of representatives appointed by the Sec-
- 21 retary from organizations representing interests
- 22 along the Camino Real Corridor.
- 23 (4) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the
- date of the first meeting of the Commission, the
- Commission shall submit to the Secretary and Con-

- 1 gress a report containing recommendations concern-
- 2 ing possible expansion of the Camino Real Corridor
- 3 to the East and West and to Canada.
- 4 (d) Funding.—There shall be available out of the
- 5 Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
- 6 count) to carry out this section \$225,000,000 for fiscal
- 7 year 1995.
- 8 (e) Applicability of Title 23.—Funds authorized
- 9 by subsection (d) shall be available for obligation in the
- 10 same manner as if such funds were apportioned under
- 11 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; except that the
- 12 Federal share of the cost of the project under this section
- 13 shall be 80 percent and such funds shall remain available
- 14 until expended. Funds authorized by subsection (d) shall
- 15 not be subject to any obligation limitation.

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