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To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2006

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MICA, and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Transpor-
5 tation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1118(a) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
2 priated for the purposes of this chapter \$81,594,000 for
3 fiscal year 2007, \$99,974,000 for fiscal year 2008, and
4 \$104,844,000 for fiscal year 2009. Such sums shall re-
5 main available until expended.”.

6 (b) EMERGENCY FUND.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1118(b) of such title
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(b) EMERGENCY FUND.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board has an emer-
11 gency fund available for necessary expenses of the
12 Board, not otherwise provided for, for accident in-
13 vestigations.

14 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
16 may be necessary to maintain the fund at a level not
17 to exceed \$4,000,000.

18 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in
19 the fund shall be available without further appro-
20 priations action and shall remain available until ex-
21 pended.”.

22 (2) FUNDING.—There is appropriated
23 \$2,002,000 to the emergency fund authorized by
24 section 1118(b) of title 49, United States Code.

1 (c) FEES, REFUNDS, AND REIMBURSEMENTS.—Sec-
2 tion 1118(c) of such title is amended—

3 (1) in the subsection heading by striking
4 “ACADEMY” and inserting “FEES, REFUNDS, AND
5 REIMBURSEMENTS”;

6 (2) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may collect
9 such fees, refunds, and reimbursements, as the
10 Board determines appropriate for services provided
11 by or through the Board.”;

12 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
13 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

14 (4) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated)—

15 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
16 (A) by inserting “, refund, or reimbursement”
17 after “fee”; and

18 (B) in each of subparagraphs (A) and (B)
19 by inserting before the semicolon at the end the
20 following: “or with which the refund or reim-
21 bursement is associated”.

22 (d) REPORT ON ACADEMY OPERATIONS.—Section
23 1118 of such title is amended by striking subsection (d).

1 **SEC. 3. STAFF OF NTSB MEMBERS.**

2 Section 1111(e)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
3 is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end
4 the following: “, except that each member of the Board
5 shall appoint employees on the member’s personal staff”.

6 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

7 (a) **FUNCTIONAL UNIT FOR MARINE INVESTIGA-**
8 **TIONS.**—Section 1111(g) of title 49, United States Code,
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(5) marine.”.

11 (b) **AIRPORT AND AIRWAY FINANCING.**—Chapter
12 481 of such title is amended—

13 (1) in section 48103(3) by striking
14 “\$3,600,000,000” and inserting “\$3,514,500,000”;
15 and

16 (2) in section 48104 is amended by striking
17 “the balance” and inserting “The balance”.

18 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

19 Section 1117 of title 49, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
22 (2);

23 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
24 graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) a description of the activities and oper-
2 ations of the National Transportation Safety Board
3 Academy.”.

4 **SEC. 6. MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.**

5 Section 1131(a)(1)(E) of title 49, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “on the navigable waters or ter-
8 ritorial sea of the United States,” and inserting “on
9 or under waters subject to the jurisdiction of the
10 United States,”; and

11 (2) by inserting “(as defined in section
12 2101(46) of title 46)” after “vessel of the United
13 States”.

14 **SEC. 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

15 Effective October 1, 2006, section 1137 of title 49,
16 United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d).

17 **SEC. 8. INVESTIGATION SERVICES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(a) of the National
19 Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003
20 (Public Law 108–168; 49 U.S.C. 1113 note) is amended
21 by striking “From the date of enactment of this Act
22 through September 30, 2006, the” and inserting “The”.

23 (b) REPORT.—Section 4(b) of such Act is amended
24 by striking “On February 1, 2006,” and inserting “On

1 July 1 of each year, as part of the annual report required
2 by section 1117 of title 49, United States Code,”.

3 **SEC. 9. RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES.**

4 There is rescinded \$2,002,000 of the unobligated bal-
5 ances of funds made available under section 101(a)(2) of
6 the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization
7 Act (Public Law 107–42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note).

8 **SEC. 10. REVIEW OF ALASKA RUNWAY SAFETY AREA**
9 **PROJECT.**

10 (a) SAFETY AREA ALTERNATIVES.—With regard to
11 an environmental review of a project to improve runway
12 safety areas on Runway 8/26 at Juneau International Air-
13 port, the Secretary of Transportation may only select as
14 the preferred alternative the least expensive runway safety
15 area alternative that meets the standards of the Federal
16 Aviation Administration and that maintains the length of
17 the runway as of the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (b) COSTS TO BE CONSIDERED.—In determining
19 what is the least expensive runway safety area for pur-
20 poses of subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider, at
21 a minimum, the initial development costs and life cycle
22 costs of the project.

23 (c) SATISFACTION OF REQUIREMENT.—With respect
24 to the project described in subsection (a), the require-
25 ments of section 303(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,

- 1 shall be considered to be satisfied by the selection of the
- 2 least expensive safety area alternative.

