

the full Senate, and now we are trying to negotiate an agreement with the House. Someone said to me as I came in today, I understand FAA reauthorization is dead for this session. I said: That is not the case. Senator ROCKEFELLER and I remain hopeful that between now and the end of the year we will be able to solve those remaining few points and get this done. It is critically important—very important—that we get this done.

So I make this unanimous consent request with the understanding that I am continuing to work on it, as is Senator ROCKEFELLER and Senator HUTCHISON and many others to try to get the FAA reauthorization bill done through the House and the Senate and get it resolved.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 324, H.R. 4853.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4656) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes)

Strike all after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part III".

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TAXES FUNDING AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND.

(a) FUEL TAXES.—Subparagraph (B) of section 4081(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "September 30, 2010" and inserting "December 31, 2010".

(b) TICKET TAXES.—

(1) PERSONS.—Clause (ii) of section 4261(j)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "September 30, 2010" and inserting "December 31, 2010".

(2) PROPERTY.—Clause (ii) of section 4271(d)(1)(A) of such Code is amended by striking "September 30, 2010" and inserting "December 31, 2010".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2010.

#### SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 9502(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking "October 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011"; and

(2) by inserting "or the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part III" before the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (A).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section 9502(e) of such Code is amended by striking "October 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2010.

#### SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 48103 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (6);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

"(8) \$925,000,000 for the 3-month period beginning on October 1, 2010."

(2) OBLIGATION OF AMOUNTS.—Subject to limitations specified in advance in appropriation Acts, sums made available pursuant to the amendment made by paragraph (1) may be obligated at any time through September 30, 2011, and shall remain available until expended.

(b) PROJECT GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "December 31, 2010,".

(c) APPORTIONMENT AMOUNTS.—The Secretary shall apportion in fiscal year 2011 to the sponsor of an airport that received scheduled or unscheduled air service from a large certified air carrier (as defined in part 241 of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, or such other regulations as may be issued by the Secretary under the authority of section 41709) an amount equal to the minimum apportionment specified in 49 U.S.C. 47114(c), if the Secretary determines that airport had more than 10,000 passenger boardings in the preceding calendar year, based on data submitted to the Secretary under part 241 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

#### SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.

(a) Section 40117(l)(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "October 1, 2010," and inserting "January 1, 2011,".

(b) Section 41743(e)(2) of such title is amended by striking "2010" and inserting "2011".

(c) Section 44302(f)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "December 31, 2010,"; and

(2) by striking "December 31, 2010," and inserting "March 31, 2011,".

(d) Section 44303(b) of such title is amended by striking "December 31, 2010," and inserting "March 31, 2011,".

(e) Section 47107(s)(3) of such title is amended by striking "October 1, 2010," and inserting "January 1, 2011,".

(f) Section 47115(j) of such title is amended by inserting "and for the portion of fiscal year 2011 ending before January 1, 2011," after "2010,".

(g) Section 47141(f) of such title is amended by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "December 31, 2010,".

(h) Section 49108 of such title is amended by striking "September 30, 2010" and inserting "December 31, 2010,".

(i) Section 161 of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 47109 note) is amended by inserting "or in the portion of fiscal year 2011 ending before January 1, 2011," after "fiscal year 2009 or 2010".

(j) Section 186(d) of such Act (117 Stat. 2518) is amended by inserting "and for the

portion of fiscal year 2011 ending before January 1, 2011," after "October 1, 2010,".

(k) Section 409(d) of such Act (49 U.S.C. 41731 note) is amended by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "September 30, 2011,".

(1) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2010.

#### SEC. 6. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS.

Section 106(k)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (E);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (F) and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following:

"(G) \$2,451,375,000 for the 3-month period beginning on October 1, 2010,".

#### SEC. 7. AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

Section 48101(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (5);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(7) \$746,250,000 for the 3-month period beginning on October 1, 2010,".

#### SEC. 8. RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT.

Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (13);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(15) \$49,593,750 for the 3-month period beginning on October 1, 2010,".

#### SEC. 9. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Effective as of August 1, 2010, and as if included therein as enacted, the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-216) is amended as follows:

(1) In section 202(a) (124 Stat. 2351) by inserting "of title 49, United States Code," before "is amended".

(2) In section 202(b) (124 Stat. 2351) by inserting "of such title" before "is amended".

(3) In section 203(c)(1) (124 Stat. 2356) by inserting "of such title" before "(as redesignated)".

(4) In section 203(c)(2) (124 Stat. 2357) by inserting "of such title" before "(as redesignated)".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 4853), as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from South Dakota is recognized for 10 minutes.

#### FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND TAX EXTENDERS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I also want to add my support for the FAA