

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION: COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR 1997 OBLIGATION LIMITATION—

Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Fiscal year 1996 actual	Conference	Percent	Dollar loss/gain
California	1,406,489	1,528,545	9	122,056
Colorado	199,342	198,171	-1	(1,171)
Connecticut	353,689	316,202	-11	(37,487)
Delaware	77,484	69,282	-11	(8,202)
District of Columbia	78,920	73,582	-7	(5,338)
Florida	598,880	711,991	19	113,111
Georgia	403,493	526,148	30	122,655
Hawaii	121,729	108,983	-10	(12,746)
Idaho	105,691	98,510	-7	(7,181)
Illinois	660,503	589,620	-11	(70,883)
Indiana	341,554	390,495	14	48,941
Iowa	197,960	177,316	-10	(20,644)
Kansas	205,052	183,204	-11	(21,848)
Kentucky	225,745	286,319	27	60,574
Louisiana	235,699	265,287	13	29,588
Maine	91,559	84,182	-8	(7,377)
Maryland	265,587	262,322	-1	(3,265)
Massachusetts	690,634	617,531	-11	(73,103)
Michigan	467,061	491,589	5	24,528
Minnesota	252,289	219,855	-13	(32,434)
Mississippi	183,481	203,112	11	19,631
Missouri	356,657	402,267	13	45,610
Montana	154,849	133,659	-14	(21,190)
Nebraska	139,084	124,262	-11	(14,822)
Nevada	104,575	105,029	0	454
New Hampshire	85,554	76,434	-11	(9,120)
New Jersey	478,929	434,884	-9	(44,045)
New Mexico	169,082	149,360	-12	(19,722)
New York	1,044,890	933,790	-11	(111,100)
North Carolina	399,218	446,693	12	47,475
North Dakota	102,064	91,086	-11	(10,978)
Ohio	594,508	575,591	-3	(18,917)
Oklahoma	227,795	258,883	14	31,088
Oregon	202,782	204,437	1	1,655
Pennsylvania	660,889	671,171	2	10,282
Rhode Island	85,850	71,582	-17	(14,268)
South Carolina	211,129	263,985	25	52,856
South Dakota	111,380	99,417	-11	(11,963)
Tennessee	325,654	371,667	14	46,013
Texas	984,970	1,167,763	19	182,793
Utah	125,684	121,489	-3	(4,195)
Vermont	78,511	70,155	-11	(8,356)
Virginia	341,432	393,580	15	52,148
Washington	324,150	291,059	-10	(33,091)
West Virginia	158,810	141,509	-11	(17,301)
Wisconsin	291,760	296,896	2	5,136
Wyoming	111,281	99,388	-11	(11,893)
Puerto Rico	76,122	73,648	-3	(2,474)
Subtotal	15,956,846	16,432,881		
Administration	529,843	521,119		
Federal lands	416,000	426,000		
Reserve	647,311	620,000		
Total	17,550,000	18,000,000		

Estimated apportionments provided by HPP-21.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

(During today's session of the Senate, the following morning business was transacted.)

THE 1997 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, although I am thoroughly disappointed in the process we endured to reach agreement on the fiscal year 1997 omnibus appropriations bill, H.R. 4278—I am pleased with the content of the bill. It is a huge package, so I am sure we will not know its full impact until weeks—possibly months—into this fiscal year. It would be difficult to put a package like this together without there being

some disappointment in the final product. However, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I worked hard to see that many programs that are important to Nebraskans and this Nation were addressed.

Let me highlight some of these programs.

COMMERCE-JUSTICE-STATE

I have long supported the National Telecommunication Administration's Telecommunications Assistance Program. Last year I led the effort on the floor to include \$21.5 million for TIIAP and I'm pleased to see that amount in fiscal year 1997 funding. This is especially important when considering the Senate Commerce-Justice-State Subcommittee began the process with zero funding for this important program. People sometimes ask why we need this program when there is so much going on in the telecommunications industry. We need it to help our rural areas share fully in the promise of networking and telecommunications. We need it to help our nonprofit sector participate. We need it to encourage the imaginative and sometime high-risk demonstrations of what can be done with the technology.

We have included \$174.5 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program and \$560 million for the Byrne Memorial Grant Program which is important and insightful. If we can stop juveniles from turning to crime, I believe we have a chance at decreasing the need for courthouses, incarceration, and prison construction. The potential benefit is well worth the investment.

INTERIOR

I am pleased to see that the bill includes funding for one of my top priorities, Back to the River. This project is a collaborative effort to create a recreational, ecological, and cultural corridor along the Missouri River in the Omaha/Council Bluffs region. The project encompasses 64 river miles and has been ongoing for the last 2 years. It has the support of several public and private agencies. The Back to the River project will benefit Nebraska and the Nation by providing habitat restoration, floodplain management, recreation and river access, economic benefits, cultural resources and environmental education. The National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service have both been involved in this project.