

(12) The airborne forces are and will continue to be at the ready and the forefront until the Global War on Terrorism is concluded.

(13) The members and former members of the United States combat airborne forces, all have achieved distinction by earning the right to wear the airborne's "Silver Wings of Courage", thousands have achieved the distinction of making combat jumps, 69 have earned the Medal of Honor, and hundreds have earned the Distinguished-Service Cross, Silver Star, or other decorations and awards for displays of such traits as heroism, gallantry, intrepidity, and valor.

(14) The members and former members of the United States combat airborne forces are members of a proud and honorable fraternity of the profession of arms that is made exclusive by those distinctions which, together with their special skills and achievements, distinguish them as intrepid combat parachutists, special operations forces, and (in former days) glider troops.

(15) The history and achievements of the members and former members of the airborne forces of the United States Armed Forces warrant special expressions of the gratitude of the American people as the airborne community celebrates August 16, 2004, as the 64th anniversary of the first official jump by the Army Parachute Test Platoon.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—The Senate—

(1) designates August 16, 2004, as "National Airborne Day"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on Federal, State, and local administrators and the people of the United States to observe "National Airborne Day" with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rob Brown, a legislative fellow in my office, have floor privileges for the duration of consideration Senate bill 2004.

SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF 2005

On Wednesday, May 19, 2004, the Senate passed H.R. 3550, as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3550) entitled "An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2004".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. General definitions.

Sec. 3. Definitions for title 23.

TITLE I—FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

Subtitle A—Funding

Sec. 1101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 1102. Obligation ceiling.

Sec. 1103. Apportionments.

Sec. 1104. Equity bonus programs.

Sec. 1105. Revenue aligned budget authority.

Subtitle B—New Programs

Sec. 1201. Infrastructure performance and maintenance program.

Sec. 1202. Future of surface transportation system.

Sec. 1203. Freight transportation gateways; freight intermodal connections.

Sec. 1204. Construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal and maintenance facilities; coordination of ferry construction and maintenance.

Sec. 1205. Designation of Daniel Patrick Moynihan Interstate Highway.

Sec. 1206. State-by-State comparison of highway construction costs.

Subtitle C—Finance

Sec. 1301. Federal share.

Sec. 1302. Transfer of highway and transit funds.

Sec. 1303. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments.

Sec. 1304. Facilitation of international registration plans and international fuel tax agreements.

Sec. 1305. National Commission on Future Revenue Sources to Support the Highway Trust Fund and Finance the Needs of the Surface Transportation System.

Sec. 1306. State infrastructure banks.

Sec. 1307. Public-private partnerships pilot program.

Sec. 1308. Wagering.

Subtitle D—Safety

Sec. 1401. Highway safety improvement program.

Sec. 1402. Operation lifesaver.

Sec. 1403. License suspension.

Sec. 1404. Bus axle weight exemption.

Sec. 1405. Safe routes to schools program.

Sec. 1406. Purchases of equipment.

Sec. 1407. Workzone safety.

Sec. 1408. Worker injury prevention and free flow of vehicular traffic.

Sec. 1409. Identity authentication standards.

Sec. 1410. Open container requirements.

Subtitle E—Environmental Planning and Review

CHAPTER 1—TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Sec. 1501. Integration of natural resource concerns into State and metropolitan transportation planning.

Sec. 1502. Consultation between transportation agencies and resource agencies in transportation planning.

Sec. 1503. Integration of natural resource concerns into transportation project planning.

Sec. 1504. Public involvement in transportation planning and projects.

Sec. 1505. Project mitigation.

CHAPTER 2—TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Sec. 1511. Transportation project development process.

Sec. 1512. Assumption of responsibility for categorical exclusions.

Sec. 1513. Surface transportation project delivery pilot program.

Sec. 1514. Parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites.

Sec. 1515. Regulations.

CHAPTER 3—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1521. Critical real property acquisition.

Sec. 1522. Planning capacity building initiative.

Subtitle F—Environment

Sec. 1601. Environmental restoration and pollution abatement; control of invasive plant species and establishment of native species.

Sec. 1602. National scenic byways program.

Sec. 1603. Recreational trails program.

Sec. 1604. Exemption of Interstate System.

Sec. 1605. Standards.

Sec. 1606. Use of high occupancy vehicle lanes.

Sec. 1607. Bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways.

Sec. 1608. Idling reduction facilities in Interstate rights-of-way.

Sec. 1609. Toll programs.

Sec. 1610. Federal reference method.

Sec. 1611. Addition of particulate matter areas to CMAQ.

Sec. 1612. Addition to CMAQ-eligible projects.

Sec. 1613. Improved interagency consultation.

Sec. 1614. Evaluation and assessment of CMAQ projects.

Sec. 1615. Synchronized planning and conformity timelines, requirements, and horizon.

Sec. 1616. Transition to new air quality standards.

Sec. 1617. Reduced barriers to air quality improvements.

Sec. 1618. Air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events.

Sec. 1619. Conforming amendments.

Sec. 1620. Highway stormwater discharge mitigation program.

Sec. 1621. Exemption from certain hazardous materials transportation requirements.

Sec. 1622. Funds for rebuilding fish stocks.

Subtitle G—Operations

Sec. 1701. Transportation systems management and operations.

Sec. 1702. Real-time system management information program.

Sec. 1703. Contracting for engineering and design services.

Sec. 1704. Off-duty time for drivers of commercial vehicles.

Sec. 1705. Designation of transportation management areas.

Subtitle H—Federal-Aid Stewardship

Sec. 1801. Future Interstate System routes.

Sec. 1802. Stewardship and oversight.

Sec. 1803. Design-build contracting.

Sec. 1804. Program efficiencies—finance.

Sec. 1805. Set-asides for interstate discretionary projects.

Sec. 1806. Federal lands highways program.

Sec. 1807. Highway bridge program.

Sec. 1808. Appalachian development highway system.

Sec. 1809. Multistate corridor program.

Sec. 1810. Border planning, operations, technology, and capacity program.

Sec. 1811. Puerto Rico highway program.

Sec. 1812. National historic covered bridge preservation.

Sec. 1813. Transportation and community and system preservation program.

Sec. 1814. Parking pilot programs.

Sec. 1815. Interstate oasis program.

Sec. 1816. Tribal-State road maintenance agreements.

Sec. 1817. National forest system roads.

Sec. 1818. Territorial highway program.

Sec. 1819. Magnetic levitation transportation technology deployment program.

Sec. 1820. Donations and credits.

Sec. 1821. Disadvantaged business enterprises.

Sec. 1822. Emergency relief.

Sec. 1823. Priority for pedestrian and bicycle facility enhancement projects.

Sec. 1824. The Delta Regional Authority.

Sec. 1825. Multistate international corridor development program.

Sec. 1826. Authorization of contract authority for States with Indian Reservations.

Subtitle I—Technical Corrections

Sec. 1901. Repeal or update of obsolete text.

Sec. 1902. Clarification of date.

Sec. 1903. Inclusion of requirements for signs identifying funding sources in title 23.

Sec. 1904. Inclusion of Buy America requirements in title 23.

Sec. 1905. Technical amendments to non-discrimination section.