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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 582. Mr. TALENT proposed an amendment to amendment SA 567 proposed by Mr. INHOPE to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; as followed:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLE SAFETY PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, shall—

(1) develop and implement a comprehensive program to promote compliance with State and local laws intended to increase the safe and efficient operation of first responder vehicles;

(2) compile a list of best practices by State and local governments to promote compliance with the laws described in paragraph (1);

(3) analyze State and local laws intended to increase the safe and efficient operation of first responder vehicles; and

(4) develop model legislation to increase the safe and efficient operation of first responder vehicles.

(b) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary may enter into partnerships with qualified organizations to carry out this section.

(c) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall use a variety of public outreach strategies to carry out this section, including public service announcements, publication of informational materials, and posting information on the Internet.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006 to carry out the provisions of this section.

SA 583. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 178(c) of title 23, United States Code (as added by section 1824(a)), strike “and transit”.

SA 584. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title I, add the following:

SEC. ____ . DESIGNATION OF HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDOR IN NEW YORK, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND MAINE.

Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2031; 112 Stat. 191; 115 Stat. 871) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(46) The East-West Corridor, from Watertown, New York, continuing northeast

through the States of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, and terminating in Calais, Maine.”.

SA 585. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 1808, add the following:

(c) DESIGNATION OF ADDITION TO THE APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—Section 14501(b) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) DESIGNATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is designated as an addition to the Appalachian development highway system the portion of United States Route 219 that—

SA 586. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Section 105(b)(1)(B) of title 23, United States Code (as amended by section 1104(a)) is amended by inserting after “that decennial census,” in the second place it appears the following: “an indexed State motor fuel excise tax rate for gasoline that is greater than 150 percent of the Federal motor fuel excise tax rate for gasoline under section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

SA 587. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 1701(b) and insert the following:

(b) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—Section 149(b) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) if the program or project improves traffic flow, including projects to improve signalization, construct high occupancy vehicle lanes, improve intersections, improve transportation systems management and operations, and implement, operate, and maintain intelligent transportation system strategies and such other projects that are eligible for assistance under this section on the day before the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

SA 588. Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 551, strike lines 14 and 15 and insert the following:

“(B) coal combustion fly ash;

“(C) blast furnace slag aggregate; and

“(D) any other waste material or byprod-

SA 589. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 405, line 13, strike “\$1,607,547” and insert “\$1,800,000”.

SA 590. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 216, after the matter preceding line 1, insert the following:

SEC. 1524. SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION.

Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(46) The corridor extending from the point on the border between the United States and Mexico at El Paso, Texas, where United States Route 54 begins, along United States Route 54 through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and ending in Wichita, Kansas, to be known as the ‘Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation Corridor’ or ‘SPIRIT Corridor’.”.

NOTICES OF HEARING/MEETINGS

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 a.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 895, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents.

For further information please contact Nate Gentry at 202-224-2179 or David Marks at 202-228-6195.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the nomination of Thomas Dorr to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development and to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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