

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “public transportation asset” means a transportation facility of any kind that was or is constructed, maintained, or upgraded before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act using Federal funds—

(i)(I) the fair market value of which is more than \$500,000,000, as determined by the Secretary; and

(II) that has received any Federal funding, as of the date on which the determination is made;

(ii) the fair market value of which is less than or equal to \$500,000,000, as determined by the Secretary; and

(I) that has received \$25,000,000 or more in Federal funding, as of the date on which the determination is made; or

(iii) in which a significant national public interest (such as interstate commerce, homeland security, public health, or the environment) is at stake, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “public transportation asset” includes a transportation facility described in subparagraph (A) that is—

(i) a Federal-aid highway (as defined in section 101 of title 23, United States Code);

(ii) a highway or mass transit project constructed using amounts made available from the Highway Account or Mass Transit Account, respectively, of the Highway Trust Fund;

(iii) an air navigation facility (as defined in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code); or

(iv) a train station or multimodal station that receives a Federal grant, including any grant authorized under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-432; 122 Stat. 4907) or an amendment made by that Act.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

SA 917. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 857 proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to the amendment SA 738 proposed by Mr. Inouye to the bill H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 14 and insert the following:

2011” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

SEC. ____ REESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERMITTED TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TAXPAYERS TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

(a) MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF COMMITMENT.—No funds may be provided by the Department of the Treasury or any other agency or entity of the Federal Government to the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as part of the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, and further amended December 24, 2009 (as such agreement may be further amended), between the Department of the Treasury and the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as applicable, under any other agreement between the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Department of the Treasury, or otherwise, that exceed a maximum aggregate amount of \$200,000,000,000.

(b) PAYMENTS TO TREASURY.—Any dividend or interest payment made by the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to the Department of the Treasury pursuant to any applicable contract, agreement, or provision of law shall not be included in the calculation of the aggregate amount of a commitment under subsection (a).

(c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall take such actions as the Administrator determines are necessary to prevent the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation from requesting or receiving any funds that exceed the limit provided in subsection (a).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms “deficiency amount” and “surplus amount” have the meanings provided such terms in the applicable Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement described in subsection (a), as amended through December 24, 2009.

SA 918. Mr. INOUE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 197, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 209, line 2, and insert the following:

SEC. 541. The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT OF LATIN AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT” is hereby reduced by \$1,700,000.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a field hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks. The hearing will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at the CCC Recreation Hall, Mile Post 19, Mesa Verde National Park, CO.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine issues affecting management of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources at Mesa Verde National Park and other units of the National Park System.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Jake McCook@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact David Brooks (202) 224-9863 or Jake McCook (202) 224-9313.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Housing Finance Reform: Continuation of the 30-Year Fixed-Rate Mortgage.”

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, “U.S. Military Deployment to Central Africa.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 8 a.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Accountability at FEMA: Is Quality Job #1?”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select