

to work to fashion a 6-year, comprehensive transportation bill that will put hundreds of thousands of people to work in communities all across the country, making them more livable, making our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

We shouldn't be caught in this trap of our own making. Let's step up, invest in the future, and do our job.

Mr. Chair, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIR. The amendment is withdrawn.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. POSEY

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 416. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Transportation to make a loan in an amount that exceeds \$600,000,000 under title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (45 U.S.C. 821 et seq.).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 287, the gentleman from Florida and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Chairman, the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing program, or RRIF program, provides direct loans and loan guarantees to finance the development of railroad infrastructure. Under the program, the Federal Railroad Administration is authorized to provide direct loans and loan guarantees of up to \$35 billion to finance development of railroad infrastructure.

Since 2002, the Federal Railroad Administration has made 35 loans which demonstrate the importance of this program to our Nation's railroads. No doubt about that. However, only five of these loans have ever met or exceeded \$100 million. Two of those were to Amtrak. In fact, prior to this year, the largest RRIF loan ever made was to Amtrak in 2011 for \$562 million.

My amendment ensures funds are spent responsibly on viable railroad projects and taxpayer risk is minimized by limiting loan amounts to \$600 million.

I urge my colleagues to support my fiscally responsible amendment.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Florida is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Chairman, this amendment prohibits the Department of Transportation from making a Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing loan that exceeds \$600 million, as the chairman said.

Now, I know that \$600 million, frankly, is a lot of money, and it sounds like a lot of money because it is; but when we are dealing with financing of railroad projects, it is just really not. This low loan ceiling is way too restrictive, and it would eliminate valuable projects, by the way, including some safety projects from being even considered for a loan. It has really far-reaching effects, and it could impact, frankly, every railroad entity in America. For example, there are railroads that are using this RRIF loan for positive train control—for positive train control.

So, again, it is unduly restrictive. I think it could have some far-reaching, negative effects. So I would respectfully ask for a "no" vote. I cannot support this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE).

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, I thank the subcommittee chairman for yielding.

I simply want to underscore his opposition to this amendment. It would block Amtrak's loan request for \$2.5 billion for new Acela high-speed train sets. This loan would make it possible to upgrade Amtrak's best and most profitable service, but one that is severely stressed.

We need to remind ourselves that the cars in which people died in Philadelphia were 40 years old. We desperately need the kind of investment that this loan would make possible. As the chairman has stressed, this may turn out to be the way that we can fund positive train control. It may be the only way, given other limitations in the bill, other limitations in Amtrak funding.

It would prevent loans that exceed \$600 million for other purposes, including safety purposes. This is a very, very ill-advised amendment. I urge colleagues to reject it.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Chairman, it has been said that this could be restrictive. Well, I just want to point out that never, ever before this year in the history of this program have they ever loaned \$600 million under this program, and so I don't think it is unduly restrictive.

I mentioned discussing some other amendments, and I am staring down the barrel of taxpayers being on the hook for \$1.7 billion on one program that clearly is not going to be able to repay the loan, so it is going to fall on the shoulders of the taxpayer.

I think it is just common sense that we take this measure on behalf of our honest, hard-working taxpayers at home. They work hard and play by the rules. I think we should respect that.

There are some people that just consider the Federal Government to be a big pinata, and everybody is going to take their whack at it and get all the goodies and the candy and the money

that falls out of it, but this money has got to be paid back some day. We are not going to do it. We are not going to be around here to do it. It is going to be paid back by our children, and I think we need to act responsibly and think about their future.

I urge my colleagues to please support this commonsense amendment for better accountability in our government.

I yield back the balance of my time. The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. POSEY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida will be postponed.

The Committee will rise informally. The Speaker pro tempore (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) assumed the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 191

In the Senate of the United States, June 3, 2015.

Whereas Joseph Robinette "Beau" Biden, III, born in Wilmington, Delaware and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Syracuse University law school, served our country as an attorney in the Department of Justice for seven years, including assisting the nation of Kosovo in rebuilding their criminal justice system;

Whereas Beau Biden served his beloved State of Delaware for eight years as Attorney General;

Whereas Beau Biden joined the Army in 2003 at the age of 34, rose to the rank of major in the Delaware Army National Guard's Judge Advocate General Corps, deployed to Iraq in 2008 and received the Bronze Star for his service;

Whereas Beau Biden leaves behind a beloved wife, Hallie, and two children, Natalie and Hunter;

Whereas Beau Biden was the eldest son of the former Senator from Delaware and current Vice President of the United States and President of the United States Senate, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the untimely death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the Vice President of the United States.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

The Committee resumed its sitting.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. POE of Texas). Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment by Mr. MCCLINTOCK of California.

Amendment by Mr. WALBERG of Michigan.

Amendment by Ms. ESTY of Connecticut.

Amendment by Mr. CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania.

Amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.

Amendment by Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

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Amendment by Mrs. CAPPS of California.

Amendment by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment by Mr. STIVERS of Ohio.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MCCLINTOCK

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 166, noes 255, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 298]

AYES—166

Abraham	Cook	Grothman
Allen	Cooper	
Amash	Crawford	Hardy
Babin	Culberson	Harris
Barr	Denham	Heck (NV)
Bilirakis	DeSantis	Hensarling
Bishop (MI)	DesJarlais	Herrera Beutler
Black	Duncan (SC)	Hice, Jody B.
Blackburn	Duncan (TN)	Hill
Brat	Ellmers (NC)	Himes
Bridenstine	Emmer (MN)	Holding
Brooks (AL)	Farenthold	Hudson
Brooks (IN)	Fincher	Huizenga (MI)
Buchanan	Fleischmann	Hultgren
Buck	Fleming	Hunter
Burgess	Flores	Hurd (TX)
Byrne	Forbes	Hurt (VA)
Carter (GA)	Foxx	Issa
Castor (FL)	Franks (AZ)	Jenkins (KS)
Chabot	Garrett	Johnson, Sam
Chaffetz	Gibbs	Jones
Clawson (FL)	Gohmert	Jordan
Coffman	Goodlatte	Kelly (PA)
Cohen	Gowdy	Kinzinger (IL)
Collins (GA)	Graves (GA)	Kline
Collins (NY)	Graves (LA)	Labrador
Conaway	Grayson	LaMalfa
Connolly	Griffith	Lamborn

Lance	Pittenger
Latta	Poe (TX)
Long	Polis
Loudermilk	Pompeo
Love	Posey
MacArthur	Price, Tom
Marchant	Ratcliffe
Massie	Reed
McCarthy	Renacci
McCaul	Ribble
McClintock	Rice (SC)
McHenry	Roby
McSally	Roe (TN)
Meadows	Rogers (AL)
Meehan	Rohrabacher
Messer	Rokita
Mica	Rooney (FL)
Miller (FL)	Roskam
Miller (MI)	Ross
Mulvaney	Rouzer
Neugebauer	Royce
Newhouse	Russell
Nunes	Ryan (OH)
Olson	Ryan (WI)
Palazzo	Salmon
Palmer	Sanford
Paulsen	Scalise
Perry	Schweikert

NOES—255

Aderholt	Donovan
Aguilar	Duckworth
Amodei	Duffy
Ashford	Edwards
Barletta	Ellison
Barton	Engel
Bass	Eshoo
Beatty	Esty
Becerra	Farr
Benishek	Fattah
Bera	Fitzpatrick
Beyer	Fortenberry
Bishop (GA)	Foster
Bishop (UT)	Frankel (FL)
Blum	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Fudge
Bonamici	Gabbard
Bost	Galleo
Boustany	Garamendi
Boyle, Brendan	Gibson
F.	Gosar
Brady (PA)	Graham
Brown (FL)	Granger
Brownley (CA)	Graves (MO)
Bucshon	Green, Al
Bustos	Green, Gene
Butterfield	Grijalva
Calvert	Guthrie
Capps	Gutiérrez
Capuano	Hahn
Cárdenas	Hanna
Carney	Harper
Carson (IN)	Hartzler
Carter (TX)	Hastings
Cartwright	Heck (WA)
Castro (TX)	Higgins
Chu, Judy	Hinojosa
Cicilline	Honda
Clark (MA)	Hoyer
Clarke (NY)	Huelskamp
Clay	Huffman
Cleaver	Israel
Clyburn	Jeffries
Cole	Jenkins (WV)
Comstock	Johnson (GA)
Costa	Johnson (OH)
Costello (PA)	Johnson, E. B.
Courtney	Jolly
Cramer	Joyce
Crenshaw	Kaptur
Crowley	Katko
Cuellar	Keating
Cummings	Kelly (IL)
Curbelo (FL)	Kennedy
Davis (CA)	Kildee
Davis, Danny	Kilmer
Davis, Rodney	Kind
DeFazio	King (IA)
DeGette	King (NY)
Delaney	Kirkpatrick
DeLauro	Knight
DeBene	Kuster
Dent	Langevin
DeSaulnier	Larsen (WA)
Dowdy	Larson (CT)
Diaz-Balart	Lawrence
Dingell	Lee
Doggett	Levin
Dold	Lewis

Scott, Austin	Sanchez, Loretta
Sensenbrenner	Sarbanes
Sessions	Schakowsky
Smith (MO)	Schiff
Smith (TX)	Schrader
Stutzman	Scott (VA)
Thornberry	Scott, David
Tiberi	Serrano
Trott	Sewell (AL)
Upton	Sherman
Wagner	Shimkus
Walberg	Shuster
Walden	Simpson
Walker	Sinema
Walorski	Sires
Walters, Mimi	Slaughter
Webster (FL)	Smith (NE)
Young (IA)	Smith (WA)
Young (IN)	Speier

Stefanik	Velázquez
Stivers	Visclosky
Swalwell (CA)	Walz
Takai	Wasserman
Takano	Schultz
Thompson (CA)	Waters, Maxine
Thompson (MS)	Watson Coleman
Thompson (PA)	Weber (TX)
Tipton	Welch
Titus	Westerman
Tonko	Whitfield
Torres	Wilson (SC)
Tsongas	Womack
Turner	Yarmuth
Valadao	Young (AK)
Van Hollen	Zeldin
Vargas	Zinke
Veasey	
Vela	

NOT VOTING—11

Adams	Jackson Lee	Stewart
Brady (TX)	Meeks	Wilson (FL)
Conyers	Nugent	
Doyle, Michael	Rice (NY)	
F.	Smith (NJ)	

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Messrs. SHIMKUS, RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, CALVERT, WEBER of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mrs. NOEM, and Mr. STIVERS changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Messrs. PALAZZO, GOHMERT, and FARENTHOLD changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. WALBERG

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. POE of Texas). The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 235, noes 189, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 299]

AYES—235

Abraham	Buck	DeSantis
Aderholt	Bucshon	DesJarlais
Allen	Byrne	Diaz-Balart
Amash	Calvert	Dold
Amodei	Carter (GA)	Donovan
Babin	Carter (TX)	Duffy
Barletta	Chabot	Duncan (SC)
Barr	Clawson (FL)	Duncan (TN)
Barton	Coffman	Ellmers (NC)
Benishek	Cole	Emmer (MN)
Bilirakis	Collins (GA)	Farenthold
Bishop (MI)	Collins (NY)	Fincher
Bishop (UT)	Comstock	Fitzpatrick
Black	Conaway	Fleischmann
Blackburn	Cook	Fleming
Blum	Costello (PA)	Flores
Bost	Cramer	Forbes
Boustany	Crawford	Fortenberry
Brat	Crenshaw	Foxx
Bridenstine	Culberson	Franks (AZ)
Brooks (AL)	Curbelo (FL)	Frelinghuysen
Brooks (IN)	Davis, Rodney	Gabbard
Buchanan	Denham	Garrett