

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION/HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL

FOR FY 2017

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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AGREES T/W

Managers' Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies Act

In the bill:

Page 13, line 7 – strike “\$18,826,000” and insert “\$19,826,000”

Page 13, line 9 – strike “\$771,342,000” and insert “\$770,342,000”

Page 19, line 7 – strike “2016” and insert “2017”.

Page 67, line 21 before the short title – insert:

SEC. 195. Section 5303(r)(2)(C) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “and 25 square miles of land area” after “145,000”; and

(2) by inserting “and 12 square miles of land area” after “65,000”.

In the report:

Page 12 – Before the header “Working Capital Fund” insert:

Human trafficking prevention training for airline personnel. – Human trafficking is often facilitated by use of commercial air travel, due to its speed and convenience. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that there are 108,510 flight attendants in the U.S. who, if properly trained, can help law enforcement properly identify suspected victims and traffickers to intercept and restrict the movement of these criminal networks. The Committee is concerned about the limited efficacy of current online training for airline personnel and encourages DOT to explore broad expert training for airline training staff at each major airline in the United States, which would include participation from trafficking survivors to help better understand the needs of victims.

Page 16 – In the table on line “Commercial space transportation” strike “18,826,000” and insert “19,826,000”.

Page 16 – In the table on line “Finance and management” strike “771,342,000” and insert “770,342,000”.

Page 17 – Before the header “Aviation Safety” insert:

Allergic reactions aboard aircraft.—The Committee directs the FAA to review its policies concerning severe allergic reactions aboard aircraft and submit a report within 90 days of enactment detailing: the reporting requirements for airlines when an allergic reaction occurs, the data collection standards for such a report, and the number of reports in the past year.

Page 19 – Under the header “Commercial Space Transportation” strike the first sentence of the paragraph and insert:

The Committee recommends the budget request of \$19,826,000 for the Office of Commercial Space Transportation, which is \$2,026,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level.

Page 19 – Under the header “Finance and Management” strike the first sentence of the paragraph and insert:

The Committee recommends \$770,342,000 for finance and management activities, which is \$9,842,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$1,000,000 below the request.

Page 28 – Before the header “Bill Language” insert:

Tarmac Vehicle Safety.—The Committee notes that there is no national standard that requires marking on airport vehicles and equipment that operate in busy night time conditions. The Committee directs the FAA to study one large hub airport, one medium hub airport and one small hub airport to determine whether national standards for conspicuity of surface vehicles operating at the airports are necessary. The FAA is directed to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations its finding and recommendations no later than one year after enactment of this Act.

Page 54 – Before the header “Administrative Provisions – Federal Transit Administration” insert:

The Committee would like to ensure that WMATA is not missing an opportunity to seize the most cost-effective and efficient sources for their much needed, extensive repairs. The Committee directs GAO to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by March 31, 2017 on WMATA’s plans for future maintenance, repairs, and construction. The evaluation should include safety improvement measures, levels of efficiency, and practices that will increase cost-effectiveness.

Page 64 – Before the header “Title II – Department of Housing and Urban Development” insert:

Section 195. The Committee includes a provision making technical corrections to section 5303 of title 49 regarding a bi-state metropolitan planning organization.

Page 74 – Before the header “Rental Assistance Demonstration” insert:

The Committee has been looking at barriers to permanent housing that youth face when exiting foster care. The Committee encourages HUD and PHAs to reevaluate their policies to ensure that youth exiting foster care transition to housing without experiencing homelessness. When eligible, these youth should receive consideration for tenant based rental assistance and other forms of permanent housing assistance. HUD is directed to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations if the provisions of Section 213 of this Act pose a barrier to providing such assistance.

The Committee is concerned about reports that some public housing authorities are requiring residents to declaw their pet cats, although HUD regulations do not contain such a requirement. The Committee urges HUD to notify all PHAs that declawing is not required in public housing under HUD policy.

Page 91 – Before the header “Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity” insert:

The Committee recognizes the need for an examination of the effects of rapidly rising rents in urban areas across the nation, and strategies to create and retain affordable housing options, and avoid displacement in these communities. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment detailing best practices and recommendations to address the displacement of lower-income families and long-time residents in urban areas, and loss of affordable housing across the nation.