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Amendments to H.R. 5850 – FY 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Order of Business: H.R. 5850, the FY 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (sponsored by *Rep. Olver, D-MA*), is being considered on the House floor on Thursday, July 29, 2010 under a restrictive *structured rule* ([H.Res. 1569](#)) that provides one hour of general debate, and waives all points of order against the bill’s consideration, except for clauses 9 (the earmark rule) and 10 (PAYGO) of Rule XXI.

The rule also waives points of order against provisions of the bill for failures to comply with various rules for appropriations bills (such as prohibitions on appropriating funds to unauthorized programs). The bill would be considered as read. Only the Appropriations Committee Chairman or his designee could offer a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (i.e. stop considering amendments). The Minority would get one motion to recommit the bill, with or without instructions.

Total amendments submitted to the Rules Committee: **108**

Total allowed under this restrictive rule: **24**

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AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE, PART A

- 1. Boehner (R-OH).** The amendment prohibits funds provided in the bill from being used for doctoral dissertation research grants on housing and urban development issues, and reduces spending in the bill by \$300,000.
- 2. Boehner (R-OH).** The amendment would save taxpayers \$40 million by reducing funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s “Transformation Initiative.”
- 3. Boehner (R-OH).** The amendment would reduce funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation by \$35 million.

4. **Boehner (R-OH).** The amendment would reduce funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses, within the Department of Transportation by \$1.6 million.
5. **Cardoza (D-CA).** The amendment would prohibit funding for travel within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This would save taxpayers \$21 million.
6. **Arcuri (D-NY).** The amendment reduces funding by \$2.98 million for the Office of Policy Development within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
7. **Perlmutter (D-CO).** The amendment would decrease by \$50 million funding for Safety Belt Performance grants.
8. **Latham (R-IA).** The amendment would reduce funding in the bill by \$1.8 billion for accounts that exceed the President's request. The spending reductions proposed by the amendment would occur as follows:
 - \$400 million, Office of Secretary—National Infrastructure Investment
 - \$400 million, High Speed Rail
 - \$24.2 million, Federal Transit Administration—Administrative Expenses
 - \$178 million, Amtrak
 - \$456 million, Public Housing Capital Fund
 - \$120 million, Native American Housing Block Grants
 - \$17.5 million, Brownfield Redevelopments
 - \$175 million, HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - \$35 million, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
9. **DeFazio (D-OR).** The underlying bill allows for the reallocation of \$200 million of federal highway formula funding to the livable communities program. This amendment would prohibit this reallocation.
10. **Culberson (R-TX).** The amendment would return total funding in the bill to the FY 2009 level, which would save taxpayers \$12.4 billion.
11. **Johnson (D-TX).** The amendment would increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by \$10 million, and decrease funding for Housing for the Elderly by \$10 million.
12. **Graves (R-MO).** The amendment would prohibit the Federal Aviation Administration from using funds in the Act to require a sponsor of a public general aviation airport to terminate existing residential through-the-fence agreements, or otherwise withhold funds from a sponsor of a general aviation airport, solely because the sponsor enters into a residential through-the-fence agreement.

- 13. Moore (D-WI).** The amendment *reduces* funding by \$250,000 for the Office of the Secretary of Department of Transportation, and also *reduces* by \$100,000 the Department of Transportation, Office of Public Affairs. The amendment *increases* by \$100,000 funding for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and also *increases* by \$225,000 funding for Minority Business Outreach.
- 14. Neugebauer (R-TX).** The amendment would reduce total spending in the bill by \$10.52 billion.
- 15. Braley (D-IA).** The amendment increases funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by \$20 million and would decrease by \$20 million funding for non-personnel expenses within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 16. Turner (R-OH).** The amendment would prevent funds in the bill from being used to prohibit the establishment of any occupancy preference for veterans in supporting housing for the elderly that is assistance by HUD and is located on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) property or is subject to an enhanced use lease with the VA.
- 17. Kirkpatrick (D-AZ).** The amendment would reduce appropriations in the bill by 5%, thus saving taxpayers \$3.4 billion.
- 18. Jordan (R-OH).** The amendment would provide a total funding level equivalent to FY 2008 (the last year prior to the FY 2009 omnibus enacted at the beginning of this Congress), thus saving taxpayers \$18.6 billion.
- 19. Peters (D-MI).** The amendment would reduce funding in the bill for several programs to the President's request, saving taxpayers \$1.4 billion. The savings is as follows:
- \$400 million, National Infrastructure Investment
 - \$75 million, Railroad Safety Technology Program
 - \$400 million, High Speed Rail
 - \$75 million, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
 - \$50 million, Public Housing Capital Fund
 - \$200 million, Hope VI Program
 - \$10 million, Community Development Loan Guarantee
 - \$17.5 million, Brownfields Redevelopment
 - \$175 million, HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - \$22 million, Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program.
- 20. Bachmann (R-MN).** The amendment would eliminate funding for the capital and debt service grants portion of the Amtrak program. The amendment would save taxpayers \$1.2 billion.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE, PART B

The rule allows for any four of the following twelve amendments to be offered by Representative Flake (R-AZ)

1. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the Golden Gate National Parks-Park Access, transit and trails in California, and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
2. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the Blackstone River Bikeway in Rhode Island and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
3. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$250,000 from being made available for the Boulder Bikes to Business Project in Boulder, Colorado and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
4. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the downtown Tacoma streetscapes improvement project in Washington and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
5. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$750,000 from being made available for the Walk Winthrop and the HarborWalk in Massachusetts and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
6. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$500,000 from being made available for the streetscaping of Fayetteville Street Corridor project in the City of Durham, North Carolina and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
7. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$350,000 from being made available for the planning and design of a library for City of Mount Rainier, Maryland and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
8. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$250,000 from being made available for the acquisition of land for expansion of a park in the City of Winter Park, Florida and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
9. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$500,000 from being made available for the restoration and rehabilitation of the original Thayer Library in the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.
10. **Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the restoration and improvements to the historical Darwin Martin House Home and complex in New York and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.

- 11. Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$150,000 from being made available for the construction of a children's playground in the Municipality of Yauco , Puerto Rico and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.

- 12. Flake (R-AZ).** Would prohibit \$650,000 from being made available for the Hays-Travis Trail System in Texas and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount.