

HR 5163

Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Sep 29, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2004
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 7, 2004
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 7, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2952	Related bill	Oct 8, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on October 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act - (Sec. 2) Amends Federal transportation law to establish the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in the Department of Transportation (DOT), headed by an Administrator with professional experience in pipeline safety, hazardous materials safety, or other transportation safety, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provides for a Deputy Administrator, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, and an Assistant Administrator for Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety (who shall also be the Chief Safety Officer), appointed in the competitive service by the Secretary.

(Sec. 3) Transfers the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (established by this Act). Requires the BTS Director to be appointed in the competitive service by the Secretary, instead (as currently) by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Sec. 4) Replaces the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) with the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), which shall be headed by an Administrator appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Transfers the powers and duties of the RSPA Administrator to the RITA Administrator.

Directs the Administrator to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary for: (1) coordination, facilitation, and review of DOT research and development programs and activities; (2) advancement of innovative technologies, including intelligent transportation systems projects and products; (3) comprehensive transportation statistics research, analysis, and reporting; (4) education and training in transportation and transportation-related fields; and (5) activities of the Volpe National Transportation Center.

Declares that nothing in this Act shall grant any authority to RITA over research and other programs, activities, standards, or regulations administered by the Secretary through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, except those provided for in highway and traffic safety programs administered under specified Federal law pertaining to highways and the National Driver Register, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

Establishes in RITA an Office of Intermodalism.

Directs the Administrator of RITA to report to Congress on DOT research activities. Requires the Administrator, in developing the report, to: (1) solicit input from a wide range of stakeholders; (2) take into account how the research and development activities of other Federal, State, private sector, and not-for-profit institutions contribute to reducing traffic congestion, improving mobility, and promoting safety; and (3) address methods to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts in achieving such purposes.

(Sec. 6) Directs the DOT Inspector General to report to the Secretary and the PHMSA Administrator a list of: (1) each statutory mandate regarding pipeline safety or hazardous materials safety that has not been implemented; and (2) each open safety recommendation made by the National Transportation Safety Board or the Inspector General regarding pipeline safety or hazardous materials safety. Directs the Secretary to report to Congress on the specific actions taken to implement such mandates.

Requires the Secretary to report annually to Congress on each open safety recommendation and the DOT response.

(Sec. 7) Directs the Secretary to provide for the orderly transfer of duties and powers under this Act by 90 days after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 30, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-426.
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11390)
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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Mr. LaTourette moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8340-8344)
- **Oct 7, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5163.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8340-8342)
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 108-749, Part I.
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- **Oct 6, 2004:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 6, 2004.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** House Committee on Science Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 6, 2004.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
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- **Oct 6, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 466.
- **Sep 30, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Sep 29, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 29, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- **Sep 29, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 29, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.