

HR 4239

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Mar 22, 2012
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Mar 22, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2012
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2012
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 22, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4348	Related bill	Jul 6, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-141.
112 HR 6057	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: For Further Action See H.R.6064.
112 HR 6058	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: For Further Action See H.R.6064.
112 HR 6064	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-140.
112 S 1813	Text similarities	Apr 24, 2012: See also H.R. 4348.
112 HR 4276	Related bill	Apr 3, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
112 HR 4281	Related bill	Mar 30, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-102.
112 HR 2887	Related bill	Sep 16, 2011: Became Public Law No: 112-30.
112 S 1525	Related bill	Sep 8, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 159.
112 HR 662	Related bill	Mar 4, 2011: Became Public Law No: 112-5.

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to reduce the amount apportioned for a surface transportation program, project, or activity for FY2012 by amounts apportioned or allocated under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II for the period from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012.

Amends the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II to continue through June 30, 2012, and authorizes appropriations through that date for, specified federal-aid highway programs under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Includes among extended funds those for: (1) the surface transportation research, development, and deployment program; (2) training and education; (3) the Bureau of Transportation Statistics; (4) university transportation research; and (5) intelligent transportation systems (ITS) research.

Subjects funding for such programs generally to the same manner of distribution, administration, limitation, and availability for obligation, however, at three-quarters of the total amount, as funds authorized to be appropriated for such programs and activities out of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) for FY2011.

Subjects contract authority, however, between October 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, for such programs to a specified pro rata limitation on obligations included in any Act making appropriations for FY2012 or a portion of that fiscal year. Waives this obligation limitation, though, for emergency relief and for the equity bonus program.

Extends the allocation of certain transportation program funds to: (1) states for specific programs, including the Interstate and National Highway System program, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, the highway safety improvement program, the Surface Transportation program, and the Highway Bridge program; and (2) the territories and Puerto Rico. Prohibits use of program funds for a high-speed MAGLEV system between Las Vegas, Nevada, and Anaheim, California.

Authorizes the appropriation of \$294,641,438 from the HTF (other than the Mass Transit Account) for administrative expenses of the federal-aid highway program for the period from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

Amends SAFETEA-LU to extend for the same period the authorization of appropriations for specified National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety programs (including NHTSA administrative expenses) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) programs.

Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the funding for hazardous materials (hazmat) research projects.

Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to continue for the same period of time the authorized distribution of funds under such Act for coastal wetlands, recreational boating safety, projects under the Clean Vessel Act of 1992, boating infrastructure projects, and the National Outreach and Communications Program.

Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the allocation of capital investment grant funds for federal transit programs, including the metropolitan planning program and the state planning and research program.

Extends the special rule authority of the Secretary to award urbanized area formula grants to finance the operating cost of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation in an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000.

Allocates, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, certain amounts for formula and bus grants and capital investment grants for: (1) certain new fixed guideway capital projects; (2) new fixed guideway ferry systems and extension projects in Alaska and Hawaii; (3) payments to the Denali Commission for docks, waterfront development projects, and related transportation infrastructure; (4) ferry boats or ferry terminal facilities; (5) a set-aside for the national fuel cell bus technology development program; (6) projects in nonurbanized areas; (7) intermodal terminal projects; and (8) bus testing.

Extends the apportionment of nonurbanized area formula grants for public transportation on Indian reservations.

Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the apportionment of capital investment grant funds for certain fixed guideway modernization projects.

Extends for that same period the authorization appropriations from the HTF Mass Transit Account for: (1) formula and bus grant projects, (2) capital investment grants, (3) transit research, and (4) administration expenses.

Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, certain SAFETEA-LU programs, including: (1) the contracted paratransit pilot program, (2) the public-private partnership pilot program, (3) project authorizations for final design and construction and preliminary engineering of specified fixed guideway projects, and (4) the elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities pilot program.

Extends certain allocations for national research and technology programs.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through June 30, 2012, authority for expenditures from the: (1) HTF Highway and Mass Transit accounts, (2) Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, and (3) Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.

Extends through June 30, 2012, excise taxes on: (1) fuel used by certain buses, (2) certain alcohol fuels, (3) gasoline (other than aviation gasoline) and diesel fuel or kerosene, (4) certain heavy trucks and trailers, and (5) tires. Extends the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund tax.

Extends through FY2013 the excise tax on certain heavy vehicles.

Extends through June 30, 2012, the exemptions from excise taxes on: (1) certain sales, and (2) motor vehicles used by a state and local government.

Extends the transfer of: (1) certain highway excise taxes to the HTF, and (2) motorboat fuel taxes from the HTF into the land and water conservation fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2012:** VACATING ORDERED ROLL CALL VOTE - Mr. Mica asked unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4239, as amended, be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1775-1776)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by voice vote.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by voice vote.
- **Mar 27, 2012:** Mr. Mica moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 27, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1600-1609; text of measure as introduced: CR H1600-1603)
- **Mar 27, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4239.
- **Mar 27, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 22, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, 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.