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## **NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM BILL SAILS THROUGH HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- By a vote of 412 to 12, the U.S. House of Representatives today passed U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall's legislation to designate a new National Highway System. Rahall, who serves as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, managed the bill on the House floor.

"Today, we paved the way for a brighter future for West Virginia and the Nation as a whole," Rahall observed after the overwhelming House vote.

According to a statement prepared by the Office of the President: "The Administration applauds the House for moving expeditiously to consider legislation to designate the National Highway System."

The bill approved by the House designates a 159,000 mile National Highway System comprised of Interstate Highways, certain principal arterial roads, high-priority corridors identified by the Congress, and routes which provide access to major ports and airports facilities as well as defense installations.

Figuring prominently in West Virginia's National Highway System are the I-73 Corridor (Route 52 replacement), the Coalfields Expressway and the proposed Shawnee Parkway. Routes listed on the National Highway System are eligible for Highway Trust Funds set aside for construction, rehabilitation, restoration, resurfacing and reconstruction projects on them.

The bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

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## NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATION ACT OF 1994

MAY 19, 1994.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. MINETA, from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation,

submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4385]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Public Works and Transportation, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4385) to amend title 23, United States Code, to designate the National Highway System, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "National Highway System Designation Act of 1994".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Secretary defined.

#### TITLE I—NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATION AND OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. National Highway System designation.  
Sec. 102. Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program.  
Sec. 103. Quality improvement.  
Sec. 104. Contracting for engineering and design services.  
Sec. 105. Highway safety promotion program.  
Sec. 106. Project eligibility.  
Sec. 107. Wisconsin substitute project.  
Sec. 108. Use of recycled paving material.  
Sec. 109. Work zone safety.  
Sec. 110. Corrected projects.

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(d) EXCLUSIONS.—Section 1302(e)(7) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (c), is amended—

(1) by striking “(7) SMALL STATE EXCLUSION.—Any State” and inserting the following:

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“(A) SMALL STATE.—Any State”;

(2) by moving the text of subparagraph (A), as so designated, 2 ems to the right; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) BEST INTEREST OF A STATE.—Any State which determines based on trail needs identified in its State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that it is in the best interest of the State to be exempt from the requirements of paragraph (4) may apply to the Secretary for such an exemption. Before approving or disapproving an application for such an exemption, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of receipt of the application and provide an opportunity for public comment on the application.”.

(e) RETURN OF MONEYS NOT EXPENDED.—Section 1302(e)(9) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (c), is amended—

(1) by inserting “the State” before “may be exempted”; and

(2) by striking “and expended or committed” and all that follows before the period.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 1302 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1261) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this section and section 1303 \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.

“(2) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23.—Funds authorized by paragraph (1) shall be available for obligation in the same manner as if the funds were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; except that the Federal share of the cost of activities conducted with such funds shall be as provided in this section, such funds shall not be subject to any obligation limitation other than subsection (d)(3), and such funds shall remain available until expended.

“(3) TREATMENT.—Funds authorized by paragraph (1) shall be treated as if such funds were part of the National Recreational Trails Trust Fund for purposes of making allocations to the States under subsection (d).”.

(g) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 1303 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1262) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by striking “11 members” and inserting “12 members”;

(2) in subsection (b) by redesignating paragraph (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) 1 member appointed by the Secretary representing individuals with disabilities;”.

#### SEC. 118. COAL HERITAGE.

(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to the State of West Virginia for the purpose of erecting signs or other informational devices depicting Coal Heritage along public roads identified as “Heritage Tour Routes” and “Tour Route Connectors” on the map entitled “Alternative Concept C” in the study entitled “A Coal Mining Heritage Study: Southern West Virginia” (1993, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service) and along additional public roads which provide access to the interpretive sites and areas identified on such map. Such signs or devices shall be devised by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History with the concurrence of the West Virginia Division of Highways and shall be subject to public comment.

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—With respect to areas along the roads referred to in subsection (a) which are administered by Federal, State, local, or nonprofit entities, the Secretary may, pursuant to cooperative agreements with such entities and in consultation with the State of West Virginia, provide technical assistance in the development of interpretive devices and information in order to contribute to public appreciation of the historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational sites along such roads.

(c) FUNDING.—Of amounts made available pursuant to section 1047(d) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 1998), there shall be available \$1,000,000 per fiscal year for each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996 for the purposes of carrying out this section. Such sums shall remain available until expended.

#### SEC. 119. LIMITATION

Section 9(k)(2) amended—

(1) by redesignating respectively;

(2) in subparagraph (A) by striking “(2) LIMITATION”

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(4) by moving 4 ems to the right

(5) by striking “(2) LIMITATION”

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though the program is authorized at up to \$30 million annually, to date only \$7.5 million has been appropriated for the program in fiscal year 1993. This has obviously had a negative effect on the program and the full benefits of the trails program have not been realized. The Committee has provided, in FY 1995, a total of \$6 million for the program, to be funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. This \$6 million is intended to supplement funds which might be included in annual appropriations bills in the future and is to be included under the overall \$30 million authorization cap.



#### *Section 118. Coal heritage*

This section authorizes the Secretary to make grants to the State of West Virginia for the purposes of erecting signs or other informational devices along public roads relating to the coal heritage of southern West Virginia. The signs or other devices are to be devised by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History with the concurrence of the West Virginia Division of Highways. Of the amounts available to the Secretary under section 1047(d) of ISTEA, \$2 million is made available to carry out this program.

The Committee notes this project represents the first step to implement a concept set forth in a National Park Service study entitled "A Coal Mining Heritage Study: Southern West Virginia" (1993). Other studies conducted in support of this project include: "A Proposed Coal Heritage Road and Scenic Byway in Southern West Virginia" (1991, by Marshall University for the Federal Highway Administration), and "The Coal Road: A Survey of Southern West Virginia Mining Tourism Potential" (March 1989, Marshall University Center for Regional Progress for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration).

Under the National Park Service study, two heritage tour routes were proposed: (1) between Fayetteville and Welch primarily following U.S. Route 19 and WV Route 16 and extending eastward into the Bluefield area on U.S. Route 52 and from Welch, extending westward to Williamson along U.S. Route 52; and (2) between Charleston and Williamson along Route 119. The primary purpose of the program authorized by this section is to devise and place a Coal Heritage marker along these routes.

#### *Section 119. Limitations on funding of operating assistance*

This section provides that transit operators providing service in urbanized areas under 200,000 population shall not be subject to a limitation on the amount of their section 9 formula apportionment which may be used for operating assistance. These small section 9 operators are dependent on Federal operating assistance for 20-40 percent of their total operating budgets and often do not have access to non-Federal operating funds as larger cities often do. No city will lose section 9 funds due to this provision, but cities over 200,000 population will have access to slightly more capital funds in exchange for slightly less operating funds. This provision would not change the overall amounts authorized for operating assistance nationwide.

The Committee expects the operating assistance offset to be distributed so that small operators operating within a larger urban-

ized area will not provision.

#### *Section 120. Intercity*

The current section 3 percent of their section 9 support intercity bus station services for urbanized areas as the existing program 3 and section 18(i)

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#### *Section 121. Repro*

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