

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Norcross, Van Hollen, Ryan, McDermott, Lee, Pocan,
Dingell, and Moulton

Supporting Infrastructure Investment

1. At the end of Title VIII, add the following:

“Sense of the House on Infrastructure Investment

(a) The House finds that---

- (1) A strong infrastructure is essential for a healthy and growing economy;
- (2) Businesses and individuals rely on many types of infrastructure to help transport goods, people, energy, and information;
- (3) The federal government has played a critical role in the development of America's infrastructure, beginning with early roads and canals, and continuing with the postal system, railroads, airports and the air traffic control system, rural electrification and telephone networks, the interstate highway system, and the development of the Internet;
- (4) Infrastructure remains important today, as does the federal role in fostering its development;
- (5) In its 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave our infrastructure a D+, and estimated that investments of \$3.6 trillion were needed by 2020;

(b) It is the sense of the House that Congress should ---

- (1) Reauthorize federal surface transportation programs, along with a financing mechanism that allows for continued federal investments in our highways and transit systems;
- (2) Continue efforts to modernize our air traffic control system and improve our aviation infrastructure;

- (3) Make use of contributions to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to address the growing operation and maintenance needs of our nation's ports;
- (4) Support passenger and freight rail, including intermodal efforts to help freight move efficiently between ports, highways, and railroads.
- (5) Support efforts to modernize our electric grid to provide consumers with secure and reliable energy at a time when an aging infrastructure is facing more frequent and intense weather events;
- (6) Work to ensure that Americans enjoy increased access to high-speed broadband internet services;
- (7) Support efforts to maintain and modernize our communities' water and sewer infrastructure; and
- (8) Finance necessary investments through the reduction of unjustified corporate tax breaks permitting U.S. companies to "invert" and pretend to move overseas purely to reduce taxes and provisions which encourage firms to ship jobs and capital overseas and shelter their profits in foreign tax havens."

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution supports efforts to provide sufficient funding to maintain and modernize infrastructure that is vital to support a healthy and growing economy.