



COMMITTEE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the 114th Congress, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee continued to focus on strengthening our Nation's infrastructure and improving federal programs through common sense reforms that cut red tape, reduce regulatory burdens, increase transparency, and encourage fiscal responsibility.

The Committee's record in the 114th Congress includes 56 public laws and concurrent resolutions, 104 bills approved by the House, 61 bills ordered reported or discharged by committee, 54 hearings, 12 markups, 12 committee field hearings and meetings outside the beltway, and 34 Government Accountability Office and Inspector General oversight reports and audits initiated.

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 114th CONGRESS

H.R. 22 – The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act – signed into law

Bipartisan law to reauthorize and reform federal highway, transit, highway safety, hazmat, and passenger rail programs, and to improve the Nation's surface transportation infrastructure, refocus programs on addressing national priorities, provide more flexibility and certainty for states and local governments, accelerate project approvals, and promote innovation.

S. 612 / H.R. 5303 – The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act / The Water Resources Development Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan legislation that addresses the needs of America's harbors, locks, dams, flood protection, and other water resources infrastructure to ensure the Nation's economic competitiveness.

H.R. 749 – The Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 (PRRIA) – incorporated into the FAST Act - signed into law

Bipartisan measure that improves the Nation's passenger rail system and reforms Amtrak by reducing costs, creating greater accountability and transparency, leveraging private sector resources, and accelerating rail project delivery.

H.R. 4937/S. 2276 – Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan law that improves pipeline safety by closing gaps in federal standards, promoting better use of data and technology, and enhancing the quality and timeliness of future rulemakings.

H.R. 4188 – The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 – signed into law

Bipartisan law that supports and strengthens the United States Coast Guard – one of our Nation’s five armed services – in its critical missions to save lives, safeguard our shores, and protect living marine resources.

H.R. 1472/S. 1180 – The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015 – signed into law

Bipartisan law to modernize and integrate the Nation’s alert and warning infrastructure to provide public safety officials with an effective way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies.

S. 808 – The Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015 – signed into law

Bipartisan law to reauthorize and reform the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the STB in regulating the U.S. freight rail industry.

H.R. 636 – FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan legislation that provides over a year of stability for the U.S. aviation system and provides important aviation safety, security, and time-sensitive improvements for air travelers.

S. 2971 – The National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) program and clarify liability and job protection issues for USAR team members across the country, who risk their lives in locating, rescuing, and providing immediate medical stabilization of victims trapped in collapsed structures after a disaster.

H.R. 4465 – Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan measure that implements common sense policies to shrink the size of government and help ensure savings by selling or redeveloping high value properties, consolidating federal space, maximizing the utilization rates of space, and streamlining the disposal of unneeded assets.

H.R. 223 – The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015 – incorporated into the WIIN Act - signed into law

Bipartisan legislation that authorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for five years to carry out Great Lakes protection and restoration activities.

H.R. 944/S. 1523 – National Estuary Program reauthorization – signed into law

Bipartisan law to reauthorize the National Estuary Program to address water quality, ecological, and economic well-being of the Nation’s coastal areas, including algal blooms, hypoxia, invasive exotic species, and flooding.

H.R. 3114 – Authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers Veterans Curation Program – signed into law

Bipartisan law to authorize an Army Corps of Engineers program for hiring veterans to assist in curation and historic preservation activities.

S. 546 – The RESPONSE Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan legislation to enhance emergency responder training for incidents involving the rail transportation of hazardous materials.

S. 2683 – The Federal Aviation Administration Veteran Transition Improvement Act of 2016 – signed into law

Bipartisan legislation that ensures veterans with a service-related disability, and newly hired by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), are initially provided with sick leave that may be used for their related medical treatment. This bill ensures that the FAA, which has a separate personnel management system, conforms with other federal agencies consistent with the Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act (P.L. 114-75).

S. 1 – The Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act – passed House & Senate but vetoed by President

Bipartisan bill to approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline project and help create thousands of American jobs without spending any taxpayer funds.

H.R. 4487 – The Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016 – passed House

Bipartisan bill that reforms the General Services Administration (GSA) to enable the agency to better facilitate consolidations, reduce space, and negotiate the best possible office space lease deals to save billions of dollars.

H.R. 1471 – The FEMA Disaster Assistance Reform Act of 2015 – passed House

Bipartisan legislation that provides FEMA direction and authorization for key programs that help reduce the loss of life and property and speed recovery for those impacted by disaster. The bill also requires an assessment of the changing costs of disasters and will help reduce future losses, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of federal emergency management capabilities and disaster programs, modernize and strengthen critical components of our preparedness and response system, and support emergency response personnel.

H.R. 5978 – The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Amendments Act of 2016 – passed House

Bipartisan bill that includes provisions related to the efficiency and reliability of the maritime transportation system, including the establishment of a backup to the GPS, and several requirements related to the Coast Guard's authorities.

H.R. 897 – The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act or the Zika Vector Control Act – passed House

Bipartisan bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency or a state from requiring a duplicative permit for the use of a pesticide, when it's used for its intended purpose and in compliance with pesticide label requirements.

H.R. 1684 – The Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2015 – passed House

Bipartisan legislation that ensures that Foreign Offshore Units can be liable for removal costs or damages, under the Oil Pollution Act, that result from an oil spill incident.

H.R. 1732 – The Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 – passed House

Bipartisan legislation that requires the withdrawal of the Administration’s flawed Waters of the United States (WOTUS) proposed rule that would give the federal government unprecedented authority to regulate virtually any place that water flows in the United States, and in some cases, broader authority over land use decisions.

H.R. 2647/S. 2012 – The Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015 – passed House

Bipartisan legislation that authorizes the President to declare a major disaster for wildfire on federal lands and provide assistance to the Departments of Interior and Agriculture for extraordinary wildfire suppression costs.

H.R. 4441 – The Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act of 2016 – passed Committee

Transformational legislation that provides comprehensive reform of the Federal Aviation Administration to modernize the antiquated U.S. air traffic control system, streamline aviation equipment and aircraft certification processes, improve service for consumers, strengthen the FAA’s safety and regulatory missions, provide for airport infrastructure, and enhance the safe integration of drones.

In addition, the Committee continues its efforts to consolidate and shrink the federal government’s real estate footprint through its oversight of the General Services Administration (GSA). In doing so, the Committee has saved taxpayers over a billion dollars this Congress (with total GSA savings of \$3.4 billion since the beginning of last Congress).

(numbers are as of December 21, 2016)