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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BYRD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Appalachian Develop-
5 ment Highway System Completion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Appalachian Regional Development Act
2 of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App.) enacted into law a Federal
3 commitment to the completion of the Appalachian
4 development highway system for the purpose of ex-
5 panding highway access to the Appalachian region;

6 (2) economic prosperity within the Appalachian
7 region since that time has been brought about by,
8 and has centered around, the availability of adequate
9 highway access;

10 (3) the rationale behind the completion of the
11 Appalachian development highway system is as
12 sound today as it was in 1965, but while the Inter-
13 state System is nearly 100 percent complete, the Ap-
14 palachian development highway system is only 76
15 percent complete;

16 (4) those areas in which the Appalachian devel-
17 opment highway system is not yet complete suffer
18 from inadequate road systems characterized by low
19 travel speeds, long travel distances, and unsafe con-
20 ditions; and

21 (5) there are unfinished miles of the Appalach-
22 ian development highway system in all 13 of the
23 States with counties in the statutorily-designated
24 Appalachian region.

1 **SEC. 3. COMPLETION OF APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT**
2 **HIGHWAY SYSTEM.**

3 Section 104 of title 23, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
6 paragraph (1), by inserting “and subsection (j)”
7 after “subsection (f)”;

8 (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
9 section (k); and

10 (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the follow-
11 ing:

12 “(j) APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYS-
13 TEM.—

14 “(1) OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.—On October
15 1 of each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003, after
16 making the deduction authorized by subsection (a)
17 and the set aside authorized by subsection (f), the
18 Secretary shall set aside proportionally from the
19 funds authorized to be appropriated for expenditure
20 on programs authorized under this title, except for
21 apportionments under section 157, $\frac{1}{6}$ of the total
22 estimated cost of completion of construction of the
23 Appalachian development highway system authorized
24 by section 201 of the Appalachian Regional Develop-
25 ment Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App.), as determined
26 by the Secretary, and shall apportion the funds to

1 the 13 States in the Appalachian region in accord-
2 ance with each State's portion of the total estimated
3 cost of completion.

4 “(2) OTHER STATE FUNDS.—Obligational au-
5 thority made available to a State under paragraph
6 (1) shall not be considered in determining the appor-
7 tionments and allocations that the State shall be en-
8 titled to receive, under this title and other law, of
9 amounts in the Highway Trust Fund.

10 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITA-
11 TIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
12 any obligation limitation enacted for any of fiscal
13 years 1998 through 2003 shall not apply to obliga-
14 tions authorized under paragraph (1).

15 “(4) AVAILABILITY.—Funds authorized under
16 paragraph (1) shall remain available until ex-
17 pended.”.

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