

These cuts, in direct violation of the aviation budgetary firewalls, will directly impact our efforts to address the continued growth of commercial aviation. Commercial aviation is on track to reach 1 billion enplanements by 2015. DOT predicts up to a tripling of passengers, operations, and cargo by 2025. The Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry reported that consumers could lose as much as \$30 billion annually if people and products cannot reach their destinations within the time periods expected today.

Yet, the Conference Report dramatically cuts the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Facilities and Equipment (F&E) capital account—the primary vehicle for modernizing the National Airspace System (NAS)—for the second year in a row. Together, the FY2005 and FY2006 Transportation Appropriations Acts have cut the F&E account by almost \$1 billion below the level authorized and guaranteed by Congress in Vision 100. The DOT Inspector General testified before the Subcommittee on Aviation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that the FAA could not technologically transform the NAS with only the approximate level of F&E funding provided by the Conference Report.

In addition, according to the FAA's own analysis, two thirds of its \$30 billion worth of assets is beyond their useful life. Air traffic control towers average 30 years in age. TRACON facilities average 34 years. Primary En Route Radar Systems average 27 years. En Route Control Center facilities average 40 years and are rated by the General Services Administration as being in poor condition and getting worse each year. The cuts to FAA's capital account will make it more difficult for the FAA to maintain its current deteriorating facilities and equipment, much less technologically transform the system to handle the nation's future needs.

The Appropriators, with the concurrence of the House Republican Leadership, include these and dozens of other authorizing provisions in the Conference Report that we consider today. Votes are cast before the Conference Report is even printed. I regret that so few Members know that it needn't be this way. I regret that the Republican rank-and-file Members allow their Leadership to run the House in such a way. I regret that, under this majority, we may never be able to recapture an appropriations process that made Bill Natcher so proud.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I urge the adoption of the conference report, and yield the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, likewise, I urge everyone to support this bill. It is a good bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at noon.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, this 15-minute call of the House will be followed by a 5-minute vote on H.R. 2528.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 603]

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| Aderholt | Cardoza | Etheridge | Hostettler | Melancon | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Akin | Carnahan | Evans | Hoyer | Menendez | Sanders |
| Alexander | Carson | Everett | Hulshof | Mica | Saxton |
| Allen | Carter | Farr | Hunter | Michaud | Schakowsky |
| Andrews | Case | Fattah | Hyde | Millender- | Schiff |
| Baca | Castle | Feeney | Inglis (SC) | McDonald | Schmidt |
| Bachus | Chabot | Ferguson | Inslee | Miller (FL) | Schwartz (PA) |
| Baird | Chandler | Filner | Israel | Miller (MI) | Schwarz (MI) |
| Baker | Chocola | Fitzpatrick (PA) | Issa | Miller (NC) | Scott (GA) |
| Baldwin | Cleaver | Flake | Jackson (IL) | Miller, Gary | Scott (VA) |
| Barrett (SC) | Clyburn | Foley | Jackson-Lee | Miller, George | Senenbrenner |
| Barrow | Coble | Forbes | (TX) | Mollohan | Serrano |
| Bartlett (MD) | Cole (OK) | Ford | Jefferson | Moore (KS) | Sessions |
| Barton (TX) | Conaway | Fossella | Jenkins | Moore (WI) | Shadegg |
| Bass | Conyers | Fox | Jindal | Moran (KS) | Shaw |
| Bean | Cooper | Franks (AZ) | Johnson (CT) | Murphy | Shays |
| Beauprez | Costa | Frelinghuysen | Johnson (IL) | Murtha | Sherman |
| Becerra | Costello | Gallegly | Johnson, E. B. | Musgrave | Sherwood |
| Berkley | Cramer | Garrett (NJ) | Johnson, Sam | Myrick | Shimkus |
| Berry | Crenshaw | Gerlach | Jones (NC) | Nadler | Shuster |
| Biggert | Crowley | Gibbons | Jones (OH) | Napolitano | Simmons |
| Bilirakis | Cubin | Gilchrest | Kanjorski | Neal (MA) | Simpson |
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| Bishop (UT) | Cummings | Gohmert | Kelly | Northup | Smith (NJ) |
| Blackburn | Cunningham | Gonzalez | Kennedy (MN) | Norwood | Smith (TX) |
| Blumenauer | Davis (AL) | Goode | Kennedy (RI) | Nunes | Smith (WA) |
| Blunt | Davis (CA) | Goodlatte | Kildee | Nussle | Snyder |
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| Bonilla | Davis (KY) | Graves | King (IA) | Oliver | Spratt |
| Bonner | Davis (TN) | Green (WI) | King (NY) | Ortiz | Stark |
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| Boozman | Davis, Tom | Green, Gene | Kirk | Otter | Strickland |
| Boren | Deal (GA) | Grijalva | Kline | Oxley | Stupak |
| Boucher | DeFazio | Gutierrez | Knollenberg | Pallone | Sullivan |
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| Boyd | Delahunt | Harman | Kucinich | Pastor | Tancredo |
| Bradley (NH) | DeLauro | Harris | Kuhl (NY) | Payne | Tanner |
| Brady (PA) | DeLay | Hart | LaHood | Pearce | Tauscher |
| Brady (TX) | Dent | Hastings (FL) | Langevin | Pelosi | Taylor (MS) |
| Brown (OH) | Diaz-Balart, L. | Hastings (WA) | Lantos | Pence | Taylor (NC) |
| Brown (SC) | Diaz-Balart, M. | Hayes | Larsen (WA) | Peterson (MN) | Terry |
| Brown, Corrine | Dicks | Hayworth | Larson (CT) | Peterson (PA) | Thomas |
| Brown-Waite, | Dingell | Hefley | Latham | Petri | Thompson (CA) |
| Ginny | Doggett | Hensarling | LaTourette | Pickering | Thompson (MS) |
| Burgess | Doolittle | Herger | Leach | Pitts | Thornberry |
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| Calvert | Dreier | Hinches | Lewis (CA) | Pombo | Tierney |
| Camp | Duncan | Hinojosa | Lewis (GA) | Pomeroy | Turner |
| Cannon | Edwards | Hobson | Lewis (KY) | Porter | Udall (CO) |
| Cantor | Ehlers | Hoekstra | Lipinski | Price (GA) | Udall (NM) |
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| Capps | Engel | Holt | Lofgren, Zoe | Pryce (OH) | Van Hollen |

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). On this roll-call, 417 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.