Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2 Offered by Mrs. Miller of West Virginia

Strike section 1604 of the bill and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1604. BALANCE EXCHANGES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE 2 PROGRAM.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
4 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 "§174. Balance exchanges for infrastructure program

7 "(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 "(1) ADMINISTRATIVELY ALLOCATED.—The 9 term 'administratively allocated' means the alloca-10 tion by the Secretary of budget authority for a 11 project under the TIFIA program that occurs 12 when—

13 "(A) a potential applicant has been invited
14 into the creditworthiness phase for a project
15 under the TIFIA program; or

16 "(B) the project is subject to a master
17 credit agreement (as defined in section 601(a)),
18 in accordance with section 602(b)(2).

1	"(2) Appalachian state.—The term 'Appa-
2	lachian State' means a State that contains 1 or
3	more counties in the Appalachian region (as defined
4	in section 14102(a) of title 40).
5	"(3) Program.—The term 'program' means
6	the Balance Exchanges for Infrastructure Program
7	established under subsection (b).
8	"(4) TIFIA CARRYOVER BALANCE.—
9	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'TIFIA car-
10	ryover balance' means the amounts made avail-
11	able for the TIFIA program for previous fiscal
12	years that are unobligated and have not been
13	administratively allocated.
14	"(B) INCLUSION.—The term 'TIFIA car-
15	ryover balance' includes—
16	"(i) the applicable amount of contract
17	authority for the amounts described in
18	subparagraph (A); and
19	"(ii) the equivalent amount of obliga-
20	tion limitation for the fiscal year in which
21	the Secretary makes a transfer under sub-
22	section $(f)(2)$.
23	"(5) TIFIA PROGRAM.—The term 'TIFIA pro-
24	gram' has the meaning given the term in section
25	601(a).

1	"(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
2	lish a program, to be known as the 'Balance Exchanges
3	for Infrastructure Program', in accordance with this sec-
4	tion to provide flexibility for the Secretary and States to
5	improve highway infrastructure.
6	"(c) Offer To Fund Projects or Exchange
7	Funds.—
8	"(1) Solicitation.—For each fiscal year for
9	which an amount is reserved under subsection $(f)(1)$,
10	the Secretary shall—
11	"(A) not later than December 1 of that fis-
12	cal year—
13	"(i) solicit requests from Appalachian
14	States to return amounts under subsection
15	(d)(1)(A); and
16	"(ii) solicit applications from Appa-
17	lachian States for grants under subsection
18	(e); and
19	"(B) require that, not later than 60 days
20	after the date of the solicitations under sub-
21	paragraph (A), each Appalachian State that
22	elects to participate in the program shall submit
23	to the Secretary either—
24	"(i) a request that describes the
25	amount that the Appalachian State re-

1	quests to return under subsection
2	(d)(1)(A); or
3	"(ii) an application for a grant under
4	subsection (e).
5	"(d) Exchange Agreements.—
6	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter
7	into an agreement with each Appalachian State that
8	submits a request under subsection $(c)(1)(A)(i)$
9	under which—
10	"(A) the Appalachian State shall return to
11	the Secretary all, or at the discretion of the Ap-
12	palachian State, a portion of, the unobligated
13	amounts from the Highway Trust Fund (in-
14	cluding the applicable amount of contract au-
15	thority and an equal amount of special no-year
16	obligation limitation associated with that con-
17	tract authority) apportioned to the Appalachian
18	State for the Appalachian development highway
19	system under section 14501 of title 40 (but not
20	including any amounts made available by an ap-
21	propriations Act without an initial authoriza-
22	tion); and
23	"(B) the Secretary shall transfer to the
24	Appalachian State, from amounts transferred to
25	the program under subsection $(f)(2)$ for that

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fiscal year, an amount (including the applicable amount of contract authority and an equal amount of annual obligation limitation) equal to the amount that the Appalachian State returned under subparagraph (A) that shall be used to carry out projects described in paragraph (3).

8 "(2) STATE LIMITATION.—The amount of con-9 tract authority returned by an Appalachian State 10 under paragraph (1)(A) may not exceed the amount 11 of the special no-year obligation limitation available 12 to the Appalachian State prior to the return of the 13 special no-year obligation limitation under that para-14 graph.

15 "(3) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A project eligible to be carried out using funds transferred to an Appalachian State under paragraph (1)(B) is a project described in subsections (b) and (c) of section 133.

21 "(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
22 share of the cost of a project carried out using
23 funds transferred to an Appalachian State
24 under paragraph (1)(B) shall be up to 100 per25 cent, at the discretion of the Appalachian State.

1	"(C) Application of section 133.—Ex-
2	cept as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
3	section 133 shall not apply to a project carried
4	out using funds transferred to an Appalachian
5	State under paragraph (1)(B).
6	"(4) TOTAL LIMITATION.—For each fiscal year,
7	the total amount exchanged under paragraph (1)
8	shall not exceed the amount available to be trans-
9	ferred to the program under subsection (f).
10	"(5) Amounts exchanged.—For each fiscal
11	year, if the total amount requested by all Appa-
12	lachian States to return under paragraph (1)(A) is
13	greater than the amount described in paragraph (4),
14	the Secretary shall exchange amounts under para-
15	graph (1) based on the proportion that—
16	"(A) the amount requested to be returned
17	for the fiscal year by the Appalachian State;
18	bears to
19	"(B) the amount requested to be returned
20	for the fiscal year by all Appalachian States.
21	"(e) Appalachian Development Highway Sys-
22	tem Corridor Grants.—
23	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Using amounts returned to
24	the Secretary under subsection $(d)(1)(A)$, the Sec-
25	retary shall provide grants of contract authority, to

1	remain available until expended, and subject to spe-
2	cial no-year obligation limitation, on a competitive
3	basis to Appalachian States for eligible projects de-
4	scribed in paragraph (2).
5	"(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—A project eligible to
6	be carried out with a grant under this subsection is
7	a project that is—
8	"(A) eligible under section 14501 of title
9	40 as of the date of enactment of this section;
10	and
11	"(B) reasonably expected to begin con-
12	struction by not later than 2 years after the
13	date of obligation of funds provided under this
14	subsection for the project.
15	"(3) Application.—To be eligible to receive a
16	grant under this subsection, an Appalachian State
17	shall submit to the Secretary an application at such
18	time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
19	tion as the Secretary may require.
20	"(4) Federal share.—The Federal share of
21	the cost of a project carried out using a grant pro-
22	vided under this subsection shall be up to 100 per-
23	cent, at the discretion of the Appalachian State.
24	"(5) LIMITATION.—An Appalachian State that
25	enters into an agreement to exchange funds under

1	subsection (d) for any fiscal year shall not be eligible
2	to receive a grant under this subsection.
3	"(f) TRANSFER FROM TIFIA PROGRAM.—
4	"(1) IN GENERAL.—On October 1 of each fiscal
5	year, the Secretary shall reserve, for the purpose of
6	funding transfers under paragraph (2) until the
7	transfers are completed, the amount of TIFIA carry-
8	over balance that exceeds the amount available to
9	carry out the TIFIA program for that fiscal year.
10	"(2) TRANSFERS.—For each fiscal year, not
11	later than 60 days after the date on which the Sec-
12	retary receives the responses to the solicitations
13	under subsection $(c)(1)$, the Secretary shall transfer
14	from the TIFIA program to the program an amount
15	of contract authority and equal amount of obligation
16	limitation that is equal to the lesser of—
17	"(A) the total amount requested by all Ap-
18	palachian States for the fiscal year under sub-
19	section $(c)(1)(B)(i);$
20	"(B) the total amount requested by all Ap-
21	palachian States for grants under subsection
22	(c)(1)(B)(ii); and
23	"(C) the amount reserved under paragraph
24	(1).".

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-

2 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is further amended

3 by adding at the end the following:

"174. Balance exchanges for infrastructure program.".

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