

RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY ON THE OCCASION
OF ITS DESIGNATION AS AN ALL-AMERICAN ROAD BY THE U.S. DEPART-
MENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 22, 2010.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 917]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom
was referred the resolution (H. Res. 917) recognizing the Florida
Keys Scenic Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All-
American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation, having
considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment
and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

- (1) recognizes the Florida Keys Scenic Highway on the occasion of its designa-
tion as an All-American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and
- (2) congratulates those residents of the Florida Keys who participated in the
effort to support this designation.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 917, as amended, recognizes the Florida Keys Scenic
Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All-American
Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation and congratulates
those residents of the Florida Keys who participated in the effort
to support this designation.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H. Res. 917, as amended, recognizes the Florida Keys Scenic
Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All-American
Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This des-
ignation was announced by DOT as part of the 2009 National Sce-
nic Byways Program designations on October 16, 2009. The Florida
Keys Scenic Highway was one of the just five All-American Roads

named in this round of designations, and is the first All-American Road in the state of Florida.

Since its inception in 1991, the National Scenic Byways Program has recognized, preserved, and enhanced a collection of roads based upon their scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, archaeological, and natural intrinsic qualities. To be designated as an All-American Road, a byway must possess at least two outstanding intrinsic qualities, and must serve as a destination unto itself. Prior to receiving this national designation, the Florida Keys Scenic Highway had been designated as a Florida State Scenic Highway since 2001.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway was chosen for the designation of All-American Road based upon its recreational and scenic qualities. The highway runs for over 100 miles along U.S. 1 from Key Largo to Key West, spanning 42 bridges over the Atlantic Ocean, the Florida Bay, and the Gulf of Mexico. The Florida Keys Scenic Highway is a leading tourist destination, known for its recreational opportunities, State and national parks, historic sites, museums, and cultural heritage.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway follows the East Coast Railway line established in the early 1900s by Henry Flagler, and travels along a portion of the “old national road” that ran from Maine to Florida. Today, the highway serves as a key transportation and tourism link for the region.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 917, as amended, recognizes the Florida Keys Scenic Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All-American Road by DOT. Further, the resolution congratulates the residents of the Florida Keys who participated in the effort to support this designation.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On November 18, 2009, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen introduced H. Res. 917. This resolution has not been introduced in a previous Congress.

On January 27, 2010, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider H. Res. 917. The Committee adopted an amendment to the resolution by voice vote with a quorum present. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the resolution, as amended, reported favorably to the House by voice vote.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H. Res. 917, or ordering the resolution, as amended, reported. A motion to order H. Res. 917, as amended, reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

With respect to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 917, as amended, is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, there is no cost associated with this resolution for fiscal year 2010, or any fiscal year thereafter.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant programs to the appropriate level under current law is required.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no statement of general performance and objectives for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no cost estimate nor comparison for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H. Res. 917, as amended, does not contain any earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 917, as amended, is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII does not apply.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

H. Res. 917, as amended, contains no Federal mandates.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is in-

tended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Res. 917, as amended, does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the resolution does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Res. 917, as amended, makes no changes in existing law.