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To establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide financial assistance for qualified infrastructure projects selected by the Bank, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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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 “National Infrastruc-
5 ture Bank Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) according to the American Society of Civil
9 Engineers—

1 (A) the current condition of the infrastruc-
2 ture of the United States earns a grade point
3 average of D and jeopardizes the prosperity and
4 quality of life of the citizens of the United
5 States; and

6 (B) the number of deficient dams has risen
7 to more than 4,000, including 1,819 high-haz-
8 ard potential dams. Over the past six years, for
9 every deficient, high-hazard potential dam re-
10 paired, nearly two more were declared deficient.
11 There are more than 85,000 dams in the
12 United States, and the average age is just over
13 51 years old. An additional investment of
14 \$12,000,000,000 over 10 years will be needed
15 to eliminate the existing backlog of 4,095 defi-
16 cient dams;

17 (2) according to the Federal Transit Adminis-
18 tration—

19 (A) the United States needs to spend
20 \$15,100,000,000 (25 percent more) annually
21 over the next 20 years to maintain the current
22 conditions and performance of transit systems,
23 and \$21,100,000,000 (73 percent) over that
24 same time period more to make substantial im-
25 provements; and

1 (B) the Nation's public transit agencies
2 face an \$80,000,000,000 maintenance backlog
3 to bring their rail systems to a state of good re-
4 pair;

5 (3) according to the Department of Housing
6 and Urban Development—

7 (A) there is a critical shortage of afford-
8 able housing for very low-income individuals
9 with nearly 6,000,000 very low income families
10 facing “worst case” housing needs, meaning
11 that they pay over one-half of their monthly in-
12 come on rent; and

13 (B) there are over 1,200,000 units of pub-
14 lic housing nationwide, with an accumulated
15 capital needs backlog of approximately
16 \$18,000,000,000 to \$24,000,000,000, with an
17 additional \$2,000,000,000 accruing each year;

18 (4) according to the Federal Highway Adminis-
19 tration—

20 (A) 33 percent of all urban and rural
21 roads in the United States are in poor, medi-
22 ocre, or fair condition;

23 (B) approximately \$131,700,000,000 must
24 be expended each year for a period of not less

1 than 20 years to improve the conditions of
2 those urban and rural roads;

3 (C) 24.8 percent of all bridges in the
4 United States are—

5 (i) structurally deficient; or

6 (ii) functionally obsolete; and

7 (D) approximately \$3,000,000,000 in addi-
8 tional funds must be expended each year for a
9 period of not less than 20 years to eliminate the
10 deficiencies of those bridges;

11 (5) according to Texas Transportation Insti-
12 tute, travel has increased 72 percent in big metro re-
13 gions while road capacity on freeways and major
14 streets has grown by only 40 percent;

15 (6) according to the Environmental Protection
16 Agency—

17 (A) \$161,000,000,000 must be expended
18 during the next 20 years to make necessary re-
19 pairs, replacements, and upgrades to the ap-
20 proximately 55,000 community drinking water
21 systems of the United States;

22 (B) approximately \$390,000,000,000 must
23 be expended during the next 20 years to elimi-
24 nate the deficiencies of the wastewater systems
25 of the United States; and

1 (C) from 2006 to 2009, more than 9,400
 2 of the Nation’s 25,000 sewage systems—including
 3 those in major cities—have reported vio-
 4 lating the Clean Water Act of 1975 by dumping
 5 untreated or partly treated human waste,
 6 chemicals and other hazardous materials into
 7 rivers and lakes and elsewhere; and

8 (7) the infrastructure financing mechanisms of
 9 the United States do not adequately—

10 (A) address infrastructure projects of re-
 11 gional or national significance;

12 (B) encourage an appropriate pooling of
 13 Federal, State, local, and private resources; or

14 (C) provide transparency to ensure the op-
 15 timal return on public resources.

16 **TITLE I—NATIONAL** 17 **INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

18 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this title, the following definitions shall apply:

20 (1) **BANK.**—The term “Bank” means the “Na-
 21 tional Infrastructure Bank” established under sec-
 22 tion 102.

23 (2) **BOARD.**—The term “Board” means the
 24 board of directors of the Bank, established under
 25 section 103.

1 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The term “Chairperson”
2 means the Chairperson of the Board.

3 (4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “finan-
4 cial assistance” means a method used by the Bank
5 to provide a loan, loan guarantee, forgiveness of loan
6 principle, or negative interest rate loan to a qualified
7 infrastructure project.

8 (5) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “infrastruc-
10 ture project” means the building, improvement,
11 or increase in capacity of a basic installation,
12 facility, asset, or stock that is associated with—

13 (i) a mass transit system that meets
14 the criteria in subparagraph (B);

15 (ii) a public housing property that is
16 eligible to receive funding under section 24
17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
18 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) and that meets the cri-
19 teria in subparagraph (B);

20 (iii) a road or bridge that meets the
21 criteria in subparagraph (B);

22 (iv) a drinking water system or a
23 wastewater system that meets the criteria
24 in subparagraph (B);

1 (v) a freight or passenger rail project
2 that meets the criteria in subparagraph
3 (B); or

4 (vi) an airport or air traffic control
5 systems that meet the criteria in subpara-
6 graph (B).

7 (B) CRITERIA.—A project described in any
8 of clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (A)
9 meets the criteria of this subparagraph if it
10 serves any one or more of the objectives identi-
11 fied in paragraphs (1) through (9) of section
12 101(c) of the Housing and Community Develop-
13 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301(c)).

14 (6) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-
15 ing” means a housing project receiving assistance
16 under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of
17 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

18 (7) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
19 “public housing agency” means an agency described
20 in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act
21 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)).

22 (8) PUBLIC SPONSOR.—The term “public spon-
23 sor” includes a State or local government, an Indian
24 tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-
25 termination and Education Assistance Act (25

1 U.S.C. 450b), a public transportation agency, a pub-
2 lic housing agency, a public infrastructure agency, or
3 a consortium of those entities, including a public en-
4 tity that has partnered with a private nonprofit or
5 for-profit entity.

6 (9) PUBLICLY-ASSISTED AFFORDABLE HOUS-
7 ING.—The term “publicly-assisted affordable hous-
8 ing” means the categories of housing specified in
9 section 1335(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Housing En-
10 terprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of
11 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4565(a)(1)(B)).

12 (10) QUALIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—
13 The term “qualified infrastructure project” means
14 an infrastructure project designated by the Board as
15 a qualified infrastructure project in accordance with
16 section 105.

17 (11) TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.—The
18 term “transit-oriented development” means high-
19 density, walkable, mixed-use development (including
20 commercial development, affordable housing, and
21 market-rate housing) that is within walking distance
22 of and accessible to 1 or more public transportation
23 facilities.

1 **SEC. 102. ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK.**

2 There is established the “National Infrastructure
3 Bank”, which shall be an independent establishment of the
4 Federal Government, as defined in section 104 of title 5,
5 United States Code.

6 **SEC. 103. MANAGEMENT OF BANK.**

7 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The management of the
9 Bank shall be vested in a Board of Directors con-
10 sisting of 5 members, appointed by the President, by
11 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from
12 among individuals who are citizens of the United
13 States.

14 (2) MEMBER EXPERTISE.—The Board shall be
15 comprised of members with a diverse set of expertise
16 in infrastructure project development and finance,
17 including in—

18 (A) transit infrastructure;

19 (B) public housing infrastructure;

20 (C) road and bridge infrastructure;

21 (D) water infrastructure;

22 (E) aviation infrastructure;

23 (F) freight or passenger rail infrastruc-
24 ture; and

25 (G) public finance.

1 (3) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Section 2(a)(2)
2 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.
3 1812(a)(2)) shall apply to members of the Board of
4 Directors of the Bank in the same manner as it ap-
5 plies to the Board of Directors of the Federal De-
6 posit Insurance Corporation.

7 (4) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet not
8 later than 90 days after the date on which all direc-
9 tors of the Board are first appointed, and otherwise
10 at the call of the Chairperson.

11 (5) DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.—The initial
12 nominations to the Board shall be made not later
13 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this
14 title.

15 (b) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The
16 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board shall be
17 appointed and shall serve in the same manner as is pro-
18 vided for members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-
19 poration under section 2(b) of the Federal Deposit Insur-
20 ance Act (12 U.S.C. 1812(b)).

21 (c) TERMS.—

22 (1) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—Except as provided
23 in paragraph (2), each member of the Board shall
24 be appointed for a term of 6 years.

1 (2) INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS.—Of the initial
2 members of the Board—

3 (A) the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
4 shall be appointed for a term of 6 years;

5 (B) 1 member shall be appointed for a
6 term of 5 years;

7 (C) 1 member shall be appointed for a
8 term of 4 years; and

9 (D) 1 member shall be appointed for a
10 term of 3 years.

11 (3) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS.—Any member of
12 the Board appointed to fill a vacancy occurring be-
13 fore the expiration of the term for which the prede-
14 cessor of such member was appointed shall be ap-
15 pointed only for the remainder of such term.

16 (4) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—The Chair-
17 person, Vice Chairperson, and each other member of
18 the Board may continue to serve after the expiration
19 of the term of office to which such member was ap-
20 pointed, until a successor has been appointed.

21 (d) VACANCY.—Any vacancy on the Board shall be
22 filled in the manner in which the original appointment was
23 made.

24 (e) INELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER OFFICES.—

1 (1) RESTRICTION DURING SERVICE.—No mem-
2 ber of the Board may, during service on the
3 Board—

4 (A) be an officer or director of, or other-
5 wise be employed by, any entity engaged in or
6 otherwise associated with an infrastructure
7 project assisted or considered under this title;

8 (B) hold stock in any such entity; or

9 (C) hold any other elected or appointed
10 public office.

11 (2) POST SERVICE RESTRICTION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—No member of the
13 Board may hold any office, position, or employ-
14 ment in any entity engaged in or otherwise as-
15 sociated with an infrastructure project assisted
16 under this title during the 2-year period begin-
17 ning on the date on which such member ceases
18 to serve on the Board.

19 (B) EXCEPTION FOR MEMBERS WHO
20 SERVE FULL TERM.—The limitation contained
21 in subparagraph (A) does not apply to any
22 member who has ceased to serve on the Board
23 after serving the full term for which such mem-
24 ber was appointed.

1 (3) CERTIFICATION.—Upon taking office, each
2 member of the Board shall certify under oath that
3 such member has complied with this subsection, and
4 such certification shall be filed with the secretary of
5 the Board.

6 **SEC. 104. STAFF AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

7 (a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson may ap-
9 point and terminate, and fix the compensation of, an
10 executive director of the Bank, in accordance with
11 title 5, United States Code.

12 (2) CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIREC-
13 TOR.—The employment of an executive director shall
14 be subject to confirmation by the Board.

15 (3) QUALIFICATIONS OF EXECUTIVE DIREC-
16 TOR.—An individual appointed as the executive di-
17 rector under paragraph (1) shall have demonstrated
18 expertise in infrastructure development and finance
19 including—

20 (A) transit infrastructure;

21 (B) public housing infrastructure;

22 (C) road and bridge infrastructure;

23 (D) water infrastructure;

24 (E) aviation infrastructure;

1 (F) freight or passenger rail infrastruc-
2 ture; or

3 (G) public finance.

4 (b) OTHER PERSONNEL.—The Board may appoint
5 and terminate, and fix the compensation of, in accordance
6 with title 5, United States Code, such personnel as are
7 necessary to enable the Bank to perform the duties of the
8 Bank.

9 (c) SUPPORT FROM OTHER AGENCIES.—The head of
10 any other Federal agency shall detail employees to the
11 Bank for purposes of carrying out the duties of the Bank.

12 **SEC. 105. POWERS OF THE BANK BOARD.**

13 (a) HEARINGS.—The Board may, in carrying out this
14 title—

15 (1) hold such hearings, meet and act at such
16 times and places, take such testimony, receive such
17 evidence, and administer such oaths, as the Board
18 considers advisable; and

19 (2) require the attendance and testimony of
20 such witnesses and the production of such books,
21 records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, docu-
22 ments, tapes, and materials, as the Board considers
23 advisable.

24 (b) WITNESS ALLOWANCES AND FEES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1821 of title 28,
 2 United States Code, shall apply to a witness re-
 3 quested or subpoenaed to appear at a hearing of the
 4 Board.

5 (2) EXPENSES.—The per diem and mileage al-
 6 lowances for a witness shall be paid from funds
 7 available to pay the expenses of the Board.

8 (c) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The
 9 Board may, upon request, secure directly from a Federal
 10 agency, such information as the Board considers necessary
 11 to carry out this title, and the head of such agency shall
 12 promptly respond to any such request for the provision
 13 of information.

14 (d) INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT PROC-
 15 ESSES FOR BOARD STATEMENTS.—Section 5334(l) of title
 16 49, United States Code, as added by section 3032 of the
 17 Federal Public Transportation Act of 2005 (Public Law
 18 109–59, 119 Stat. 1627), shall apply to statements of the
 19 Board in the same manner and to the same extent as that
 20 section applies to statements of the Administrator of the
 21 Federal Transit Administration.

22 **SEC. 106. QUALIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT RAT-**
 23 **INGS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall, upon application
 25 and otherwise in accordance with this section, designate

1 those qualified infrastructure projects that will receive fi-
2 nancial assistance under this title.

3 (b) APPLICANTS.—The Bank shall accept applica-
4 tions of qualified infrastructure projects for the designa-
5 tion of those projects that may receive financial assistance
6 under this section for any infrastructure project having—

- 7 (1) a public sponsor; and
- 8 (2) regional or national significance.

9 (c) GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE
10 PROJECTS.—The Executive Director and the Board shall
11 establish guidelines to assist applications of qualified in-
12 frastructure projects under this title to develop applica-
13 tions for financial assistance under this section.

14 (d) RATINGS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—In making a determination
16 as to which qualified infrastructure project would re-
17 ceive financial assistance, the Board shall evaluate
18 and rate each applicant based on the factors appro-
19 priate for that type of infrastructure project, which
20 shall include—

- 21 (A) regional or national significance;
- 22 (B) promotion of economic growth;
- 23 (C) a preference for projects in areas of
24 high unemployment;

1 (D) a preference for projects which sub-
2 stantially leverage State, local and private fi-
3 nancing, including public-private partnerships,
4 for either the explicit cost of the project or for
5 enhancements which increase the benefits of the
6 project;

7 (E) environmental benefits including re-
8 duction in carbon emissions, oil consumption,
9 water pollution, and air pollution;

10 (F) a demonstrated ability to operate and
11 maintain the infrastructure project throughout
12 its estimated useful life;

13 (G) a life cycle projection of the project
14 benefits, as compared to project costs;

15 (H) an understanding of the importance of
16 diverse investment in infrastructure in all re-
17 gions of the country;

18 (I) a consideration of the benefits of pre-
19 serving and improving existing infrastructure as
20 well as the benefits of creating new infrastruc-
21 ture;

22 (J) categorical benefit; and

23 (K) any other criteria as determined by the
24 Board with approval by the Board.

1 (2) CATEGORICAL BENEFIT.—In this sub-
2 section, the term “categorical benefit” means—

3 (A) for any transit project—

4 (i) level of estimated new ridership;

5 (ii) level of transit-oriented develop-
6 ment and economic development connected
7 to project;

8 (iii) ridership on existing infrastruc-
9 ture that is being rebuilt;

10 (iv) reduction in traffic congestion;

11 and

12 (v) access provided to elderly, disabled
13 and low-income populations;

14 (B) for any public housing or publicly-as-
15 sisted affordable housing, which may include
16 more than one building grouped into one pro-
17 posed project, provided that such housing will
18 continue to provide long-term affordability for
19 families and persons with incomes equivalent to
20 those currently assisted—

21 (i) improvement of the physical condi-
22 tion and layout of such housing;

23 (ii) increasing the energy efficiency
24 and mitigating any health, safety or other
25 hazardous conditions of such housing;

1 (iii) exceeding minimum requirements
2 for length of post-grant affordability period
3 established under this section;

4 (iv) exceeding minimum requirements
5 for targeting of persons and families with
6 incomes below 50 percent of area median
7 income and with incomes below 30 percent
8 of area median income; and

9 (v) need for affordable housing for
10 persons and families in the community or
11 communities;

12 (C) for any community development
13 project, modernization of local land use policies,
14 including those that promote transit-oriented
15 development and location efficiency;

16 (D) for any highway, bridge, or road
17 project—

18 (i) reduction in traffic congestion; and

19 (ii) mobility and accessibility improve-
20 ments;

21 (E) for any drinking water system or a
22 wastewater system project—

23 (i) environmental benefits;

24 (ii) improvements in the physical con-
25 dition of such systems; and

1 (iii) need for expansion or replace-
2 ment of such systems;

3 (F) for any intercity rail or freight trans-
4 portation project—

5 (i) level of estimated ridership;

6 (ii) reductions in delays due to rail
7 congestion;

8 (iii) improvements in trip times;

9 (iv) favorable impact on air or high-
10 way congestion or capacity; and

11 (v) new rail capacity created for addi-
12 tional train frequencies; and

13 (G) for any airport or air traffic control
14 project—

15 (i) reductions in delays due to conges-
16 tion;

17 (ii) improvements in trip times; and

18 (iii) improvements that increase pas-
19 senger safety.

20 (e) PROCESS AND PERSONNEL FOR CREATING RAT-
21 INGS PROCESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The ratings processes de-
23 scribed in this section shall be subject to Federal no-
24 tice and rulemaking procedures.

1 (2) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER AGENCY PER-
2 SONNEL.—The ratings, and development of the rat-
3 ings process, shall be conducted by the Bank in co-
4 ordination with personnel on detail to the Bank from
5 the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
6 ment, the Department of the Treasury, the Depart-
7 ment of Transportation, the United States Army
8 Corps of Engineers, and other relevant departments
9 and agencies from among individuals who are famil-
10 iar with and experienced in the selection criteria for
11 competitive projects. The Bank shall reimburse
12 those departments and agencies for the staff which
13 are on detail to the Bank.

14 (f) COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.—
15 Projects receiving financial assistance from the Bank
16 under this section shall comply with applicable provisions
17 of Federal law and regulations, including—

18 (1) for transit, requirements that would apply
19 to a project receiving funding under section 5307 of
20 title 49, United States Code;

21 (2) for public housing, requirements that would
22 apply to a project receiving funding from a grant
23 under section 24 of the United States Housing Act
24 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v);

1 (3) for publicly-assisted affordable housing, re-
2 quirements that would apply to the preservation of
3 such housing under other provisions of law gov-
4 erning such housing;

5 (4) for roads and bridges, requirements that
6 would apply to a project that receives funds appor-
7 tioned under section 104(b)(3) of title 23, United
8 States Code;

9 (5) for freight and passenger rail projects, re-
10 quirements that would apply to a project that re-
11 ceives funds under subtitle V of title 49, United
12 States Code;

13 (6) for airport and air traffic control projects,
14 requirements that would apply to a project that re-
15 ceives funds apportioned under chapters 471 and
16 501 of title 49, United States Code; and

17 (7) for water, requirements that would apply to
18 a project—

19 (A) that receives funds through a grant or
20 loan under—

21 (i) section 103 of the Housing and
22 Community Development Act of 1974 (42
23 U.S.C. 5303);

24 (ii) section 1452 of the Public Health
25 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12); or

1 (iii) section 601 of the Federal Water
2 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381), as
3 that section applied before the beginning of
4 fiscal year 1995; or

5 (B) pursuant to section 605 of the Amer-
6 ican Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
7 (Public Law 111–5).

8 (g) AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE FUNDING.—Not-
9 withstanding any other provision of law, the Bank shall
10 determine the appropriate Federal share of funds for each
11 project described in subsection (f) for purposes of this
12 title.

13 **SEC. 107. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—

15 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Board is authorized
16 to provide financial assistance to public sponsors.

17 (2) LIMIT ON COST SHARE.—The total amount
18 of financial assistance provided under this section
19 shall not exceed 50 percent of the total project cost.

20 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOANS AND LOAN
21 GUARANTEES.—Loans made or guaranteed under this
22 section shall be made pursuant to the Federal Credit Re-
23 form Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and on such
24 terms and conditions as the Executive Director may pre-
25 scribe, except that—

1 (1) the Board shall allow credit to any prospec-
2 tive borrower to achieve the objectives of the Bank
3 as defined in section 901 and when a credit subsidy
4 is the most efficient way to meet those objectives on
5 a borrower-by-borrower basis;

6 (2) the final maturity of loans made or guaran-
7 teed within a period shall not exceed 35 years, or 90
8 percent of the useful life of any physical asset to be
9 financed by the loan, whichever is less as determined
10 by the Board;

11 (3) no loan made or guaranteed shall be subor-
12 dinated to another debt contracted by the borrower
13 or to any other claims against the borrowers in the
14 event of bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation of the
15 obligor;

16 (4) direct loans and interest supplements on
17 guaranteed loans shall be at an interest rate that is
18 informed by reference to a benchmark interest rate
19 (yield) on marketable Treasury securities with a
20 similar maturity to the direct loans being made or
21 the non-Federal loans being guaranteed;

22 (5) the Board shall prescribe explicit standards
23 for use in periodically assessing the credit risk of
24 new and existing direct loans or guaranteed loans,
25 including a requirement that there is a reasonable

1 assurance of repayment before extending credit as-
2 sistance; and

3 (6) no loan shall be made or guaranteed unless
4 the Board determines that the lender is responsible
5 and that adequate provision is made for servicing
6 the loan on reasonable terms and protecting the fi-
7 nancial interest of the United States.

8 (c) REPAYMENT OF DIRECT LOANS.—

9 (1) SCHEDULE.—The Board shall establish a
10 repayment schedule for each loan made under his
11 section based on the projected cash flows from
12 project revenues and other repayment sources, which
13 may include user fees, dedicated property or sales
14 taxes, or other dedicated revenue sources approved
15 by the Executive Director.

16 (2) COMMENCEMENT.—Scheduled loan pay-
17 ments of principal or interest on a loan shall com-
18 mence not later than 5 years after the date of sub-
19 stantial completion of the project.

20 (3) DEFERRED PAYMENTS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—If, at any time after
22 the date of substantial completion of a project,
23 the Executive Director determines that dedi-
24 cated revenue sources of an eligible borrower
25 are insufficient to make the scheduled loan re-

1 payments of principal and interest on a loan
2 made under this section, the Executive Director
3 may, subject to criteria established by the Exec-
4 utive Director and the Board, allow the eligible
5 borrower to add unpaid principal and interest
6 to the outstanding balance of the loan.

7 (B) TREATMENT OF DEFERRED PAY-
8 MENTS.—Any payment deferred under this sec-
9 tion shall—

10 (i) continue to accrue interest until
11 fully repaid; and

12 (ii) be scheduled to be amortized over
13 the remaining term of the loan.

14 (d) FEES.—The Board is authorized to establish fees
15 at a level sufficient to cover all or a portion of the costs
16 to the Federal Government of making a loan under this
17 section.

18 (e) PAYMENT OF LOSSES.—

19 (1) DEFAULT.—If, as a result of a default by
20 a borrower under a guaranteed loan made under this
21 section, after the holder of the loan has made such
22 further collection efforts and instituted such enforce-
23 ment proceedings as the Executive Director and
24 Board may require, the Board determines that the
25 holder has suffered a loss, the Board shall pay up

1 to such holder amounts specified in the guarantee
2 contract. Upon making any such payment, the
3 Board shall be subrogated to all the rights of the re-
4 cipient of the payment. The Board shall be entitled
5 to recover from the borrower the amount of any pay-
6 ments made pursuant to any guarantee entered into
7 under this section.

8 (2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Attorney General
9 shall take such action as may be appropriate to en-
10 force any right accruing to the United States as a
11 result of the issuance of any guarantee under this
12 section.

13 (3) FORBEARANCE.—Nothing in this section
14 shall be construed to preclude any forbearance for
15 the benefit of the borrower which may be agreed
16 upon by the parties to the guaranteed loan and ap-
17 proved by the Board, provided that budget authority
18 for any resulting subsidy costs as defined under the
19 Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 is available.

20 (4) RIGHT OF DISPOSITION.—Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of law relating to the acquisition,
22 handling, or disposal of property by the United
23 States, the Board shall have the right in its discre-
24 tion to complete, recondition, reconstruct, renovate,
25 repair, maintain, operate, or sell any property ac-

1 quired by him pursuant to the provisions of this
2 title.

3 (f) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANTS.—The
4 Board is authorized to make grants according to the cri-
5 teria set forth under section 105. A grant under this sec-
6 tion shall constitute no more than 20 percent of the total
7 value of a infrastructure project.

8 **SEC. 108. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated
10 \$5,000,000,000 for each fiscal year through 2015 to the
11 Bank for cost of direct loans and loan guarantees made
12 by the Bank and administrative expenses of the Bank. Of
13 amounts appropriated, not more than 15 percent shall be
14 available for forgiveness of loan principal or negative inter-
15 est rate loans.

16 **SEC. 109. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

17 (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Inspector
19 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the
21 Chairperson of the National Infrastructure
22 Bank;” after “the Chairperson of the Federal
23 Deposit Insurance Corporation;”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the
2 National Infrastructure Bank;” after “the Fed-
3 eral Deposit Insurance Corporation;”.

4 (2) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE LEVEL IV.—Section
5 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by
6 inserting after the item relating to the Inspector
7 General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora-
8 tion, the following:

“Inspector General, National Infrastructure Bank.”.

9 (b) COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS.—

10 (1) CHAIRPERSON.—Section 5314 of title 5,
11 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
12 the item relating to the Chairman of the Board of
13 Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora-
14 tion, the following:

“Chairperson, Board of Directors, National Infrastructure Bank.”.

15 (2) OTHER MEMBERS.—Section 5315 of title 5,
16 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
17 the item relating to the Inspector General of the
18 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the fol-
19 lowing:

“Member, Board of Directors of the National Infrastructure Bank.”.

1 **TITLE II—CONGRESSIONAL**
2 **OVERSIGHT**

3 **SEC. 201. REPORT; DATABASE.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
6 Board shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Hous-
7 ing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
8 on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a
9 report describing the activities of the Board, for the fiscal
10 year covered by the report, relating to—

11 (1) the evaluations of qualified infrastructure
12 projects under section 905 of the Housing and Com-
13 munity Development Act of 1974, as added by this
14 Act; and

15 (2) the financial assistance packages of quali-
16 fied infrastructure projects under section 906 of the
17 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,
18 as added by this Act.

19 (b) DATABASE.—The Bank shall develop, maintain,
20 and update a publicly accessible database that contains—

21 (1) a description of each qualified infrastruc-
22 ture project that receives financial assistance from
23 the Bank under this Act—

24 (A) by project mode or modes;

25 (B) by project location;

- 1 (C) by project sponsor or sponsors;
- 2 (D) by project total cost;
- 3 (E) by detailed estimated costs and bene-
4 fits over the lifetime of the project; and
- 5 (F) by the financial assistance from each
6 of the members of the public sponsor;
- 7 (2) the amount of financial assistance that each
8 qualified infrastructure project receives from the
9 Bank under this Act; and
- 10 (3) the form of financial assistance that each
11 qualified infrastructure project receives from the
12 Bank under section 906 of the Housing and Com-
13 munity Development Act of 1974, as added by this
14 Act.

15 **SEC. 202. GAO REPORT.**

16 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
18 shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
19 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
20 cial Services of the House of Representatives, a report
21 evaluating the activities of the Bank for the fiscal years
22 covered by the report, including—

- 23 (1) the evaluations of qualified infrastructure
24 projects under section 905 of the Housing and Com-

1 munity Development Act of 1974, as added by this
2 Act; and

3 (2) the financial assistance of qualified infra-
4 structure projects under section 906 of the Housing
5 and Community Development Act of 1974, as added
6 by this Act.

7 **SEC. 203. TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMITTEE.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Executive Director shall provide testimony
10 before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
11 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial
12 Services of the House of Representatives to discuss activi-
13 ties of the Bank.

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