

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a highway cost allocation study.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.

H. R. 3684

To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. LUMMIS to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Ms Lummis (for herself, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Cornyn)

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle E of title I of division A, add
2 the following:

3 **SEC. 115 __ . HIGHWAY COST ALLOCATION STUDY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordina-
6 tion with State departments of transportation, shall carry
7 out a highway cost allocation study to determine the direct
8 costs of highway use by various types of users.

9 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study under subsection (a)
10 shall include an examination of—

1 (1) the Federal costs occasioned in the design,
2 construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of
3 Federal-aid highways by—

4 (A) the use of vehicles of different dimen-
5 sions, weights, number of axles, and other spec-
6 ifications; and

7 (B) the frequency of those vehicles in the
8 traffic stream;

9 (2) the safety-, emissions-, congestion-, and
10 noise-related costs of highway use by various types
11 of users, and other costs as determined by the Sec-
12 retary; and

13 (3) the proportionate share of the costs de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) that are attributable to
15 each class of highway users.

16 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the study
17 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

18 (1) ensure that the study examines only direct
19 costs of highway use;

20 (2) capture the various driving conditions in
21 different geographic areas of the United States;

22 (3) to the maximum extent practicable, distin-
23 guish between costs directly occasioned by a highway
24 user class and costs occasioned by all highway user
25 classes; and

1 (4) compare the costs occasioned by various
2 highway user classes with the user fee revenue con-
3 tributed to the Highway Trust Fund by those high-
4 way user classes.

5 (d) REPORTS.—

6 (1) INTERIM REPORTS.—Not less frequently
7 than annually during the period during which the
8 Secretary is carrying out the study under subsection
9 (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress an in-
10 terim report on the progress of the study.

11 (2) FINAL REPORT.—On completion of the
12 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall sub-
13 mit to Congress a final report on the results of the
14 study, including the recommendations under sub-
15 section (e).

16 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS.—On completion of the
17 study under subsection (a), the Secretary, in coordination
18 with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall develop rec-
19 ommendations for a set of revenue options to fully cover
20 the costs occasioned by highway users, including rec-
21 ommendations for—

22 (1) changes to existing revenue streams; and

23 (2) new revenue streams based on user fees.