

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 3184 (Hill)

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H.R. No. 1803

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on House Bill 3184, relating to the
6 financing, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation
7 of toll facilities by the Texas Department of Transportation, to
8 consider and take action on the following matter:

9 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the
10 committee to add new sections to the bill to read as follows:

11 SECTION 78. (a) Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation
12 Code, is amended by adding Section 201.6011 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 201.6011. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR PLAN. (a) To
14 the extent possible, the department shall coordinate with
15 appropriate entities to develop an integrated international trade
16 corridor plan. The plan must:

17 (1) include strategies and projects to aid the
18 exchange of international trade using the system of multiple
19 transportation modes in this state; and

20 (2) assign priorities based on the amount of
21 international trade, measured by weight and value, using the
22 transportation systems of this state, including:

23 (A) border ports of entry;

24 (B) commercial ports;

25 (C) inland ports;

- 1 (D) highways;
- 2 (E) pipelines;
- 3 (F) railroads; and
- 4 (G) deepwater gulf ports.

5 (b) The department shall report on the implementation of
6 this section to the presiding officer of each house of the
7 legislature no later than December 1, 2004.

8 (b) This section takes effect September 1, 2003.

9 SECTION 79. (a) Section 456.022, Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 456.022. FORMULA ALLOCATION [BY CATEGORIES]. The
12 commission shall adopt rules establishing a formula allocating
13 funds among individual eligible public transportation providers.
14 The formula may take into account a transportation provider's
15 performance, the number of its riders, the need of residents in its
16 service area for public transportation, population, population
17 density, land area, and other factors established by the
18 commission. [~~Under the formula program the commission shall~~
19 ~~allocate:~~

20 ~~[(1) 50 percent of the money to municipalities that~~
21 ~~are:~~

22 ~~[(A) designated recipients in urbanized areas or~~
23 ~~transit providers eligible under Section 456.003 and not served by~~
24 ~~a transit authority; and~~

25 ~~[(B) designated recipients that are not included~~
26 ~~in a transit authority but are located in urbanized areas that~~
27 ~~include one or more transit authorities and received state transit~~

1 ~~funding during the biennium that ended August 31, 1997; and~~
2 ~~[(2) 50 percent of the money to designated recipients~~
3 ~~in nonurbanized areas.]~~

4 (b) Section 456.024, Transportation Code, is repealed.

5 (c) This section takes effect September 1, 2004.

6 Explanation: These additions are necessary to allow the
7 Texas Transportation Commission to establish a formula for
8 distribution of state grants to public transportation providers and
9 to allow the Texas Department of Transportation to develop an
10 international trade corridor plan to aid the exchange of
11 international trade.