



Corrected - H.R. 6014: A bill to allow the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into reimbursable agreements for certain airport projects (Rep. Nolan, D-MN)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

H.R. 6014 was debated on September 20, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 6014](#) would allow the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to “enter into a reimbursable agreement” with state and local governments for “any construction or alteration” located at airports.

The FAA [defines](#) a reimbursable agreement as “a contract that ensures the cost recovery of goods or services provided by the FAA.”

COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates for H.R. 6014 is not available. According to the Majority Leader’s office, there would be no increase in direct spending.

Some conservatives may be concerned that a CBO estimate is not available for the bill in violation of the GOP Conference Rules. Rule 28 (a)(1) of [Rules of the House Republican Conference for the 114th Congress](#) states that the Republican Leader shall not schedule, or request to have scheduled, any bill or resolution for consideration under suspension of the Rules which fails to include a cost estimate. Rule 28 may be waived by a vote of the elected leadership.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

Some conservatives may be concerned that the updated [text](#) of this legislation was only made available on Monday September 19, 2016, at 2:30 pm. The [Majority Leader’s Floor Protocols](#) state that “Measurers proposed to be considered through a motion to suspend the rules, shall be publicly available in an electronic format for three days prior to their consideration.”

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

Current [regulations](#) require notice to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prior to the construction or alteration of a number of different types of projects, including:

- Any construction or alteration that is more than 200 ft. above ground level at its site,
- Certain tall construction or alteration near airports and heliports,
- Certain highway projects, and
- Any construction or alteration at certain airports and heliports.

H.R. 6014 would permit the FAA to enter into a reimbursable agreement with a state or local government to carry out a project located at an airport referenced by the above regulations if the agreement “includes measures for cost-effective completion of such project” and the project “would not negatively affect the safety or efficiency of the national airspace system.”

The FAA [defines](#) a reimbursable agreement as “a contract that ensures the cost recovery of goods or services provided by the FAA.” Additional information about this type of agreement can be found from the FAA [here](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 6014 was introduced on September 13, 2016, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee took no further action on the bill.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

“Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18.”

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