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AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND
RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS FOR THE
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2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

CONFERENCE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

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for training to be credited to certain specified agency accounts as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 185 prohibits funds from being used to make a grant unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House and the Senate Committees on Appropriations no less than three days in advance of any discretionary grant award, letter of intent, or full funding grant agreement totaling \$1,000,000 or more, and directs the Secretary to give concurrent notification for any "quick release" of funds from the Federal Highway Administration's emergency relief program as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 186 allows funds received from rebates, refunds, and similar sources to be credited to appropriations of the DOT as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 187 allows amounts from improper payments to a third party contractor that are lawfully recovered by the DOT to be available to cover expenses incurred in the recovery of such payments as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 188 mandates that reprogramming actions are to be approved or denied solely by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 189 caps the amount of fees the Surface Transportation Board can charge and collect for rate complaints filed at the amount authorized for court civil suit filing fees as proposed by the House and Senate.

Section 190 allows funds appropriated to the modal administrators to be obligated for the Office of the Secretary regarding reimbursable agreements as proposed by the House.

Section 191 modifies a provision proposed by the House which alters the number of members on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) board; limits board members to no more than two terms; allows the appointing executives to remove board members with cause consistent with the laws of relevant jurisdictions; and, requires board members to vacate their position upon the immediate expiration of the board member's term(s). The Senate did not propose a similar provision. The conferees expect the jurisdictions to expeditiously implement these modifications. In addition, the conferees are greatly concerned about reports of careless recordkeeping on the part of MWAA and will carefully review the DOT Inspector General's anticipated report on MWAA's management and operations.

Section 192 prohibits the use of funds to enforce certain minimum standards for traffic signs as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include a similar provision.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes \$1,331,500,000 for the salaries and expenses to the Department, and modifies language proposed by the House and Senate. Through a modified structure, funding is included under the headings "Administration, Operations and Management" and "Program Office Salaries and Expenses". The conferees expect the Department to use this account