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H. R. 3441

To amend title 49, United States Code, to realign the policy responsibility in the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) (both by request): introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; considered under suspension of the rules and passed

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. REALIGNMENT OF POLICY RESPONSIBILITY IN**

4 **THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

5 (a) Section 102 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (g);

3 (2) by inserting a new subsection (d) as follows:

4 “(d) The Department has an Under Secretary of
5 Transportation for Policy appointed by the President, by
6 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Under
7 Secretary shall provide leadership in the development of
8 policy for the Department, supervise the policy activities
9 of Assistant Secretaries with primary responsibility for
10 aviation, international, and other transportation policy de-
11 velopment and carry out other powers and duties pre-
12 scribed by the Secretary. The Under Secretary acts for
13 the Secretary when the Secretary and the Deputy Sec-
14 retary are absent or unable to serve, or when the offices
15 of Secretary and Deputy Secretary are vacant.”; and

16 (3) in subsection (e) by striking “Secretary and
17 the Deputy Secretary” each place it appears in the
18 last sentence and inserting “Secretary, Deputy Sec-
19 retary, and Under Secretary of Transportation for
20 Policy”.

21 (b) Section 102 of title 49, United States Code, is
22 further amended by striking subsection (g), as redesi-
23 gnated by subsection (a)(1), on the date that an individual
24 is appointed to the position of Under Secretary of Trans-

1 portation for Policy under section 102(d), as added by
2 subsection (a)(2).

3 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 102(e) of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “4 Assistant Secretaries” and insert-
6 ing “5 Assistant Secretaries”.

7 **SEC. 3. POSITIONS IN EXECUTIVE SERVICE.**

8 (a) Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is
9 amended by inserting before

10 “Administrator of the National Highway Traf-
11 fic Safety Administration.”

12 the following:

13 “Under Secretary of Transportation for Pol-
14 icy.”.

15 (b) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is
16 amended by striking

17 “Assistant Secretaries of Transportation (4).”

18 and inserting the following:

19 “Assistant Secretaries of Transportation (5).”.

20 (c) Effective on the date that an individual is ap-
21 pointed to the position of Under Secretary of Transpor-
22 tation for Policy under section 102(d) of title 49, United
23 States Code, as added by section 1(a)(2) of this Act, sec-
24 tion 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by

1 striking “Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of
2 Transportation.”

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