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[Senate Amendment to H.R. 4721, the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, March 21, 2016, the House will concur in the [Senate amendment to H.R. 4721](#), the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 4721 was introduced on September, 2016, by Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA) and passed the House on March 21, 2016, by voice vote. The Senate then passed the bill, with an amendment, by unanimous consent on March 17, 2016.

SUMMARY

The Senate Amendment to H.R. 4721 extends the authorization for several Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs, which are set to expire on March 31, 2016, until July 15, 2016. In addition, the Senate amendment extends the Airport and Airway Trust Fund collection authority through July 15, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the Legislative Digest of the House-passed version of the bill.

BACKGROUND

Most FAA programs are financed through the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF), sometimes referred to as the Aviation Trust Fund. Revenues for the fund are derived from aviation-related excise taxes on passengers, cargo, and fuel. In fiscal year 2014, the AATF provided over 80 percent of the FAA's total annual funding, with the remainder coming from general fund appropriations.¹ In 2013, the AATF had revenues of almost \$12.9 billion and maintained a cash balance of more than \$13 billion.² The funding authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), included in the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2015, expires on March 31, 2016. The last long-term reauthorization for the

¹ See [FAA Fact Sheet](#)

² See CRS Report, [Issues in the Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\)](#), January 29, 2015.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 ([P.L. 112-95](#)).

COST

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is currently not available.

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