

20 minute

Full Appropriations Committee--Transportation and Legislative Appropriation

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Great trouble getting a quorum - Andrews' subcommittee is reporting - but no one from the office comes--only the subcommittee staff. Chip, Grace and 2 others from office. On the water bill - office people came.

They are shy of a quorum, but Hatfield says that they'll make opening presentations anyway--on D.C. bill and Transportation Bill. Will get quorum later on.

D'Amato starts - 1.3 million below Presidential request, but more than the House - "we'll balance subcommittee allocation in first resolution."

Andrews - Transportation 2.3 billion below 1981 level - more than September budget request but less than March and less than House.

Goes through major accounts and their totals.

"I've talked to nearly every member of the committee about this bill and there's a consensus in support of the bill." *Chile* says MA "has worked in a completely bipartisan manner"-- he spends most of his time complimenting Andrews on his "experience", "willingness to consider whatever suggestions other members made" and the "lean budget" that has resulted.

Weicker makes only comment asking for 1 million for highway program for territories. House = 6 million and Senate was zero.

MA - Administration wants transfer to Interior. If that doesn't go through, we'll need more than 1 million. Wouldn't want a cap on it. How about some language he says. Weicker has some language and MA says the two staffs can work at the language.

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~~Broderick~~ raises some question about a limitation written into the bill. Andrews says his worry is groundless and that's that.

Then they wait for a quorum "a holding action".

They decide to reconvene in S928 after a vote that's coming up on the floor - so they can get Senators off the floor and into room to make a quorum.

They need 15 for a quorum to pass out a bill formally.

Whole meeting was short, non-controversial and consumed not more than 20 minutes in terms of actual talking, separated out from waiting periods.