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Oberstar, T&I Dems Introduce Transportation Energy Bill *STREET Act to focus on infrastructure, technology*

WASHINGTON—Citing the close relationship between energy and transportation, Democratic Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee today introduced the “Securing Transportation Energy Efficiency for Tomorrow Act” (STREET Act).

“In many respects, transportation policy *is* energy policy,” said Rep. James L. Oberstar (Minn), the Ranking Democrat on the Committee. “Our transportation energy needs are increasing, but we have not done enough to be able to meet these needs with new technologies and alternative fuels. As a result, our dependence on foreign oil continues unabated.”

The bill encourages energy conservation and development of alternative energy sources through a variety of incentives and grants to produce cleaner and more efficient buses, locomotives and aircraft engines.

The bill would also encourage the use of energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features in the U.S. Capitol and other federal buildings, including the installation of photovoltaic energy systems in federal office buildings.

Several of these provisions were included in amendments to the energy bill passed by the House last year. That bill stalled in conference and expired at the end of the 108th Congress.

Twenty-six Democratic Members of the T&I Committee are original cosponsors.

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