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Isakson Fiscal Year 2012 Federal Requests

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today announced the fiscal year 2012 requests for Georgia projects that he has submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Isakson believes increased transparency and disclosure are essential to the process.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order. This list will be updated as Isakson submits additional requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, report language request

Report Language Request: Pursuant to Public Law 106-246, any training to be conducted at any new or existing training center established under this Act shall be configured in a manner so as not to duplicate or displace any Federal law enforcement program of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Training currently being conducted at a FLETC facility shall not be moved.

Energy and Water Development, bill language request and report language request

Bill Language Request: Provided further, That in allocating funding appropriated herein to specific projects and studies, the Secretary shall give priority to expediting and advancing those projects, and project studies, which will enhance the nation's economic development, job growth and international competitiveness by facilitating U.S. business participation in international markets through increases in exports of goods, services and agricultural products and by reducing transportation costs of exports and imports to the benefit of the nation's economy.

Report Language Request: The Committee has been made aware of significant changes now occurring in the makeup of the world's shipping fleets aimed at achieving freight transportation cost savings and the associated near-term opportunities offered by the expansion of the Panama Canal expected in 2014. These changes importantly include a move to the larger vessels requiring deeper federal channels. Considering the very real need to assure that the U.S. remains competitive in this rapidly changing international trade environment, to offer opportunities for economic expansion and job growth, and in support of the President's National Export Initiative which seeks to improve conditions that directly affect the private sector's ability to export and asserts a goal of doubling exports over the next five years, the Committee has included directions to the Secretary in the bill to use funding made available in the bill to expedite port infrastructure projects that would allow the nation to benefit from these changes.