

T&I Provisions in House Coronavirus Relief Package

- \$25 billion for public transit to maintain operations so healthcare workers and other essential employees can get to work.
- \$10 billion for airports to use on infrastructure projects, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, staffing, workforce retention, airport operations, emergency response, debt service payments, and other needs. Requires airports retain 90 percent of their workforce and provide relief to airport concessionaires.
- \$37 billion in grants, passed through by employing air carriers, to ensure approximately 750,000 employees of mainline, regional, and cargo airlines receive their regular paycheck.
 - Prohibits airlines receiving financial assistance from repurchasing shares of stock or issuing dividends to shareholders; caps CEO pay and golden parachutes.
- \$3 billion to keep employees of ground support and catering contractors on the job.
- \$21 billion in unsecured loans to air carriers that are zero interest to start, but require that over time loans must provide for payment of interest at rates commensurate with the level of risk assumed by the Government.
- \$1 billion to sustain Amtrak's passenger rail network, including state-supported routes and protections for Amtrak workers.
- \$1.5 billion to make sure low-income households continue to receive water and wastewater services regardless of ability to pay.
- Prohibits water utilities that receive assistance under the bill from shutting off household water services during the national emergency.
- Waives the waiting period for obtaining railroad unemployment and sickness benefits, and creates parity for unemployed railroaders through increased and extended unemployment benefits.
- Ensures airlines follow CDC and public health authorities guidelines for providing safe conditions for workers, including personal protection equipment; requires airlines to designate at least one seat on their boards of directors for labor union representation; ensures employee healthcare plans remain in place for furloughed workers; requires airlines to maintain at least \$15 minimum wage for all employees and contractors for 10 years; and requires airlines to provide paid sick and medical family leave during illness, quarantine, or school closings related to the pandemic.
- Establishes a new office within DOT to conduct financial oversight of the airline industry and ensure airlines are better prepared financially for future "black swan" events such as a pandemic like COVID-19.
- Prevents price gouging during a disaster or emergency such as the current pandemic and requires carriers to offer fare refunds for flight cancellations during a national emergency.
- Encourages development and use of sustainable aviation fuels; expands a low-emissions program for airports; and requires air carriers receiving federal assistance to fully offset carbon emissions beginning in 2025 and reduce their own carbon emissions by 25 percent by 2035 and 50 percent by 2050.