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| **Buy America Language Included In U.S. Senate Committee's Fiscal Year 2014 Transportation Spending Bill**  This morning, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation Housing and Urban Development held a mark-up to consider its Fiscal Year 2014 spending bill.  The mark-up of the legislation, which was concluded in a matter of minutes, included language addressing Buy America concerns related to federally funded transportation projects.  The following language was included in the report accompanying the transportation bill reported out today by the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation Housing and Urban Development:  *Buy America.-The Committee is aware of concerns being raised by local transportation districts regarding changes made in MAP-21 to the applicability of the Buy America law to federally funded highway projects and the effect of those changes on utility relocation projects. Specifically, utilities have stated that while they intend to be Buy America compliant in the future, they are currently unable to comply due to existing stockpiles of utility-specific materials and the long lead time required to replace them. These issues could result in delays to hundreds of projects and cost thousands of jobs. The Committee urges the Department to work with local stakeholders to find a solution that implements the intent of the Buy America provisions but allows critical projects to move forward.*  We would like to express our appreciation to members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation Housing and Urban Development for including language related to Buy America that would, if enacted into law, assist in permitting transportation projects to move forward without delay. |
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