



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: _____

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FEDERAL

- Late last night, the House voted down, 216 to 214, an amendment to the Budget Resolution for FY 1999 to FY 2002. The amendment offered by members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, would boost spending on transportation by roughly \$4 billion a year. The delegation voted as follows:

Yes

Beccerra
Dixon
Kim
Hom
Lewis
Martinez
Millender-McDonald
Roybal-Allard
Torres
Waters

No

Berman
Dreier
Harman
McKeon
Rogan
Sherman
Waxman

- Today, the Senate is scheduled to vote on the Budget Resolution and Senator John Warner will offer a similar amendment. Interim CEO Linda Bohlinger sent a letter of support to Chairman Warner and Senators Feinstein and Boxer. After the Budget Resolution is passed by both chambers, it then goes to a Conference Committee to iron out differences. Due to the close vote in the House, it is likely that Chairman Shuster will attempt to offer the amendment again in Conference Committee.

STATE

- Yesterday, AB 946 (Washington) an MTA sponsored bill enhancing penalties related to battery against transit personnel passed the Assembly on a 78-0 vote.
- SB 567 (Polanco) a measure relating to Board structure is scheduled to be considered in the Senate Appropriations Committee, Thursday, May 22, 1997.

LOCAL

- Yesterday, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors adopted the California Congressional delegation's California ISTEIA Task Force proposals for ISTEIA reauthorization (Knabe motion):
 - ♦ Support legislation which will include a goods movement factor which apportions funding based on the State's relative share of international trade in addition to the factors of population and vehicle miles traveled; fund improvements necessitated by NAFTA to improve border