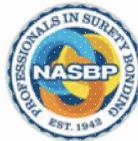


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August 4, 2021 (WASHINGTON, DC) – [The Surety & Fidelity Association of America \(SFAA\)](#), the [National Association of Surety Bond Producers \(NASBP\)](#) and the [American Property Casualty Insurance Association \(APCIA\)](#) commend the Senate for passing the Van Hollen 2354 amendment with a unanimous vote of 97-0. The bipartisan amendment, co-sponsored by Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), and Joni Ernst (R-IA), provides essential protections for taxpayers, workers, subcontractors and suppliers by requiring payment and performance security on all federally-financed infrastructure projects receiving loans and grants under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), including public-private projects (P3s).

“This 97-0 vote represents a truly bipartisan effort to provide essential protections and services necessary to support our country’s immediate and future infrastructure needs,” said SFAA president and CEO, Lee Covington. “It demonstrates the value and importance construction surety bonds play in the success of all federally-financed infrastructure projects.”

“Assuring the delivery of much-needed, quality infrastructure is what this bipartisan amendment will accomplish,” related NASBP chief executive officer Mark McCallum. “There simply is no substitute for the security that performance and payment bonds bring to construction projects of all types, especially those financed in whole or in part with federal dollars, and the Senate is to be congratulated for its unanimous vote to imbue these protections in the infrastructure package,” added McCallum.

“This provision will ensure those projects that receive federal financing are adequately protected as Congress prepares to send critical infrastructure project dollars to every state. Furthermore, this common-sense provision protects taxpayer resources, small businesses, and workers engaged in these large and complex projects,” said Nat Wienecke, senior vice president for Federal Government Relations and Political Engagement for APCIA.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the final bipartisan infrastructure deal later this week or early next week.

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