



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

October 30, 1997

H. J. Res. 96

**A joint resolution granting consent and approval of Congress
for the state of Maryland, the commonwealth of Virginia, and
the District of Columbia to amend the Washington
Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on October 29, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting H. J. Res. 96 would result in no cost to the federal government. Because enactment of H. J. Res. 96 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The resolution contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, and any costs resulting from amendments to the compact would be borne voluntarily by the affected Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

H. J. Res. 96 would give Congressional consent to several amendments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact. The first amendment would eliminate the need for the WMATA to hold public hearings on minor service changes. The second amendment would permit off-duty transit police to carry weapons subject to restrictions imposed on police officers by each jurisdiction. The final amendment would clarify the process by which certain WMATA regulations are established.

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