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The bonding language that now appears in the free conference report on H.3360 didn't appear in earlier drafts of that bill – 3360 was originally a highway turnback bill. So the argument that the sunset language wasn't in H. 3360 either doesn't really fly.

The bonding concept and the repeal of Act 114's sunset of the Secretary of Transportation's position inside of the cabinet were both in the earlier transportation package, which was H.3412 (originally, the Speaker's vehicle sales tax bill).

This is the language from Act 114 that we'd like to see go:

Termination of the Governor's authority to appoint the Secretary of the Department of Transportation

SECTION 6. Unless extended by subsequent act of the General Assembly, the Governor's authority to appoint the Secretary of the Department of Transportation pursuant to Section 57-1-410 terminates and is devolved upon the Department of Transportation Commission effective July 1, 2015. All other provisions regarding the rights, powers, and duties of the secretary shall remain in full force and effect.

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