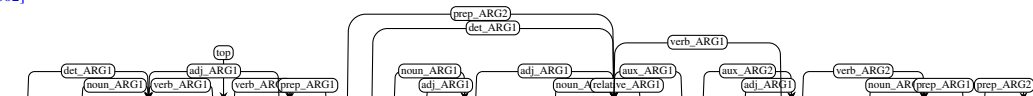


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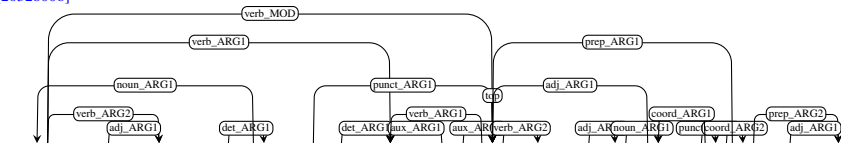
The smoking prohibition remains attached to a \$ 27.1 billion transportation bill that must still overcome budget obstacles in Congress .

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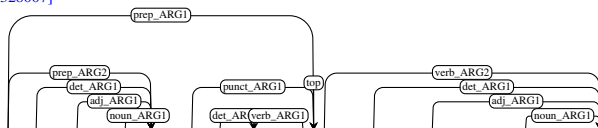
But yesterday's action put to rest any lingering resistance from tobacco interests .

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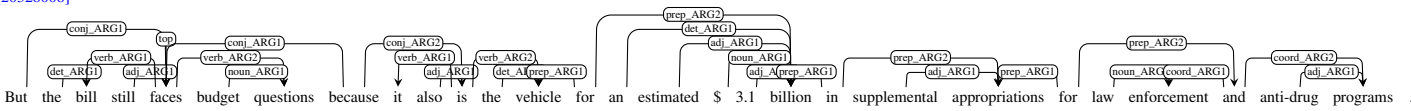
Assuming final enactment this month , the prohibition will take effect 96 days later , or in early February .

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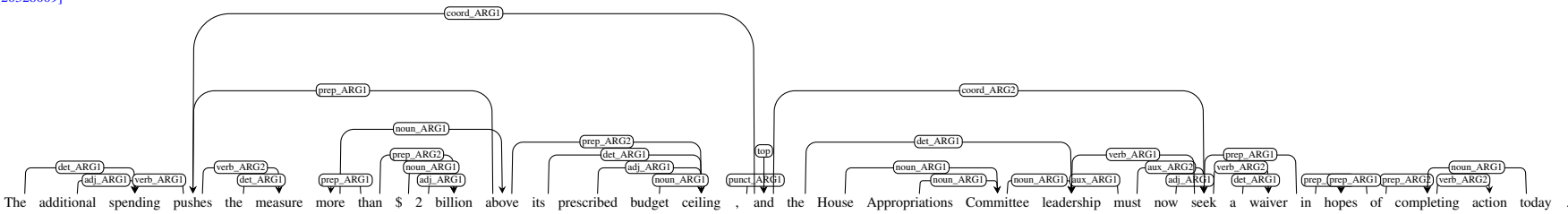
On a 394-21 roll call , the House adopted the underlying transportation measure .

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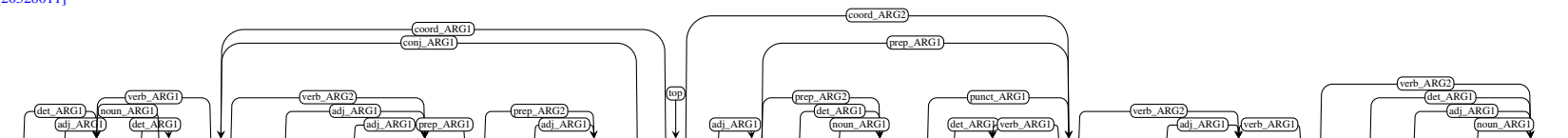
But the bill still faces budget questions because it also is the vehicle for an estimated \$ 3.1 billion in supplemental appropriations for law enforcement and anti-drug programs .

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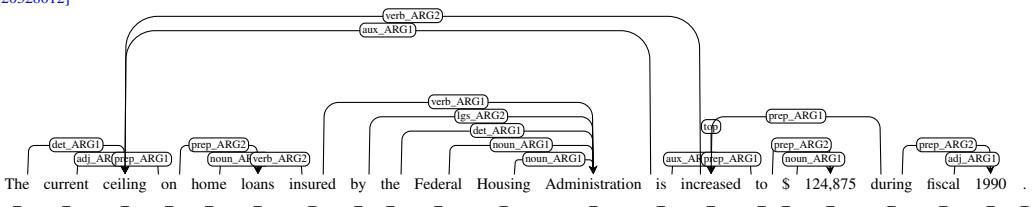
The additional spending pushes the measure more than \$ 2 billion above its prescribed budget ceiling , and the House Appropriations Committee leadership must now seek a waiver in hopes of completing action today .

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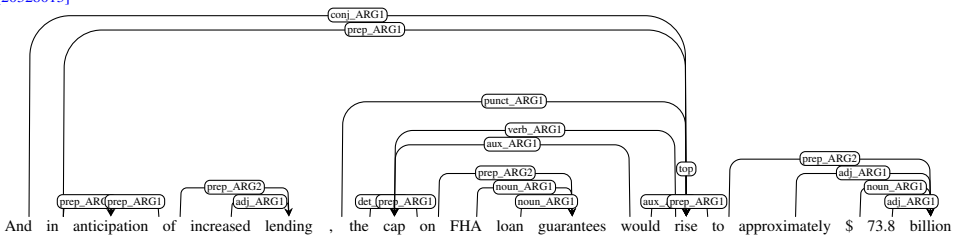
No single bill this year includes more discretionary spending for domestic programs and , apart from the space station , the measure incorporates far-reaching provisions affecting the federal mortgage market .

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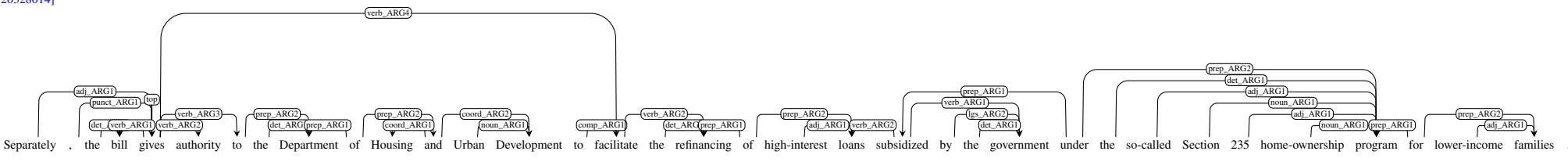
The current ceiling on home loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration is increased to \$ 124,875 during fiscal 1990 .

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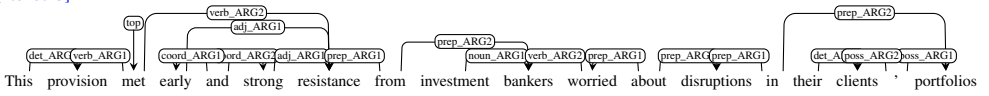
And in anticipation of increased lending , the cap on FHA loan guarantees would rise to approximately \$ 73.8 billion .

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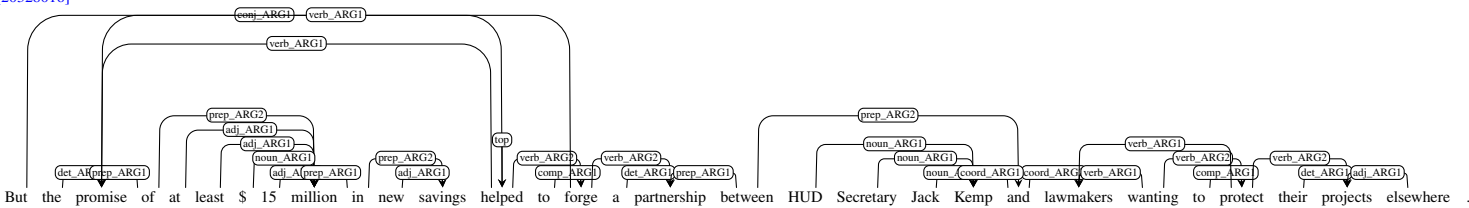
Separately , the bill gives authority to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to facilitate the refinancing of high-interest loans subsidized by the government under the so-called Section 235 home-ownership program for lower-income families .

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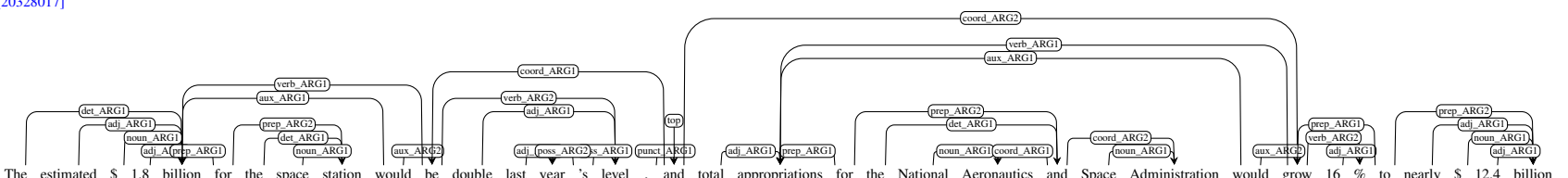
This provision met early and strong resistance from investment bankers worried about disruptions in their clients' portfolios .

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But the promise of at least \$ 15 million in new savings helped to forge a partnership between HUD Secretary Jack Kemp and lawmakers wanting to protect their projects elsewhere .

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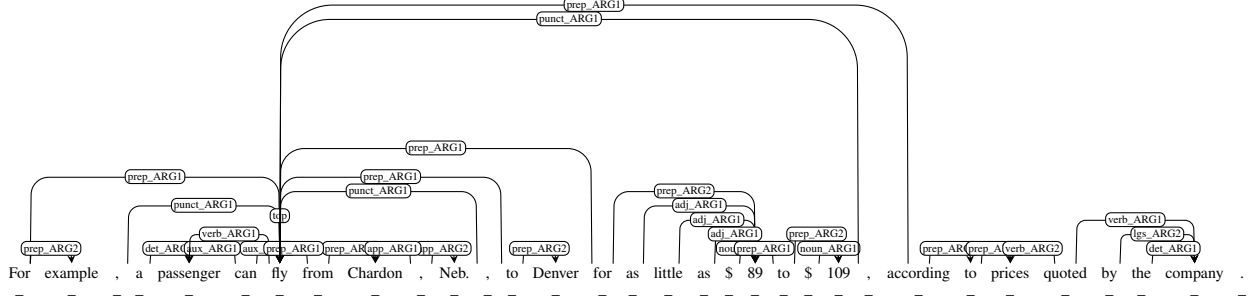


The estimated \$ 1.8 billion for the space station would be double last year's level , and total appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would grow 16 % to nearly \$ 12.4 billion .

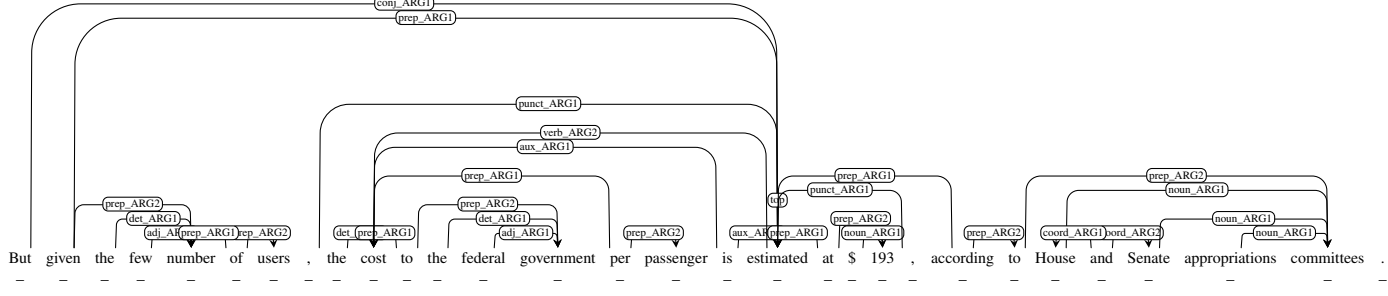
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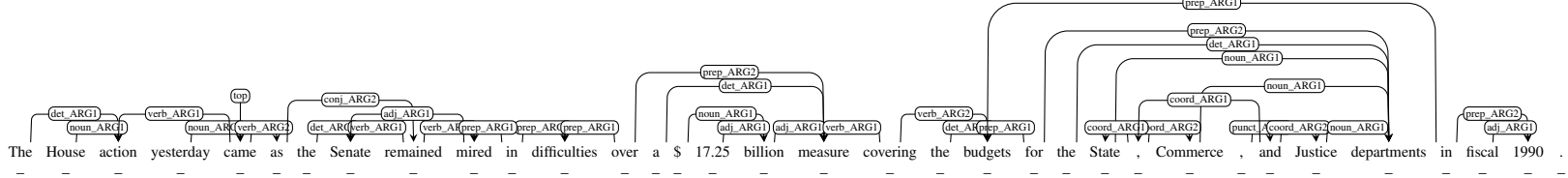
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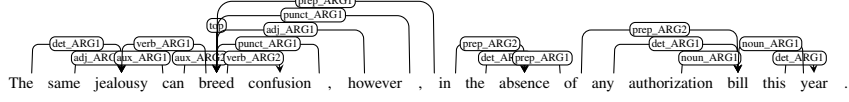
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