

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3999  
OFFERED BY MR. MICA OF FLORIDA**

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

1 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVENESS OF BRIDGE RATING SYSTEM.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall conduct  
3 a study of the effectiveness of the bridge rating system  
4 of the Federal Highway Administration, including the use  
5 of the terms “structurally deficient” and “functionally ob-  
6 solete” to describe the condition of highway bridges in the  
7 United States.

8 (b) EVALUATION OF STATE SYSTEMS.—In con-  
9 ducting the study, the Comptroller General shall evaluate  
10 bridge rating systems used by State departments of trans-  
11 portation and provide recommendations on how successful  
12 aspects of such bridge rating systems may be incorporated  
13 into the bridge rating system of the Federal Highway Ad-  
14 ministration.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2009, the  
16 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on  
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives and the Committee on the Environment and

- 1 Public Works of the Senate a report on the results of the
- 2 study.

