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**Order of Business:** H.R. 4348 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, under a structured rule making three amendments in order. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill and the rule also waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule also provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions

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**AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER**

1. **Rep. Boustany (R-LA)** – The amendment would require money spent from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund each fiscal year be equal to the Trust Fund receipts as estimated by the president’s budget for that year. **Some conservatives may be concerned that this amendment may lead to more spending under the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.**
2. **Rep. Ribble (R-WI)** – The amendment would add environmental streamlining provisions to the bill that were contained in Title IV of [H.R. 7](#).
  - a. The amendment provides states with more authority over environmental reviews and allows the states to use state standards in cases that the state standards meet or go beyond federal standards.
  - b. The amendment, in order to speed up the time horizon for construction to begin on highways, eases federal environmental requirements and waives them in certain emergency cases.

- c. The amendment requires that all environmental reviews be completed within 270 days of a project announcement.
3. **Rep. McKinley (R-WV)** – The amendment would insert the text of the [Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act \(HR 2273\)](#), which passed the House on October 11, 2011 by a roll call vote of [267-144](#). The amendment allows states to regulate and enforce coal combustion residuals. The amendment would utilize the existing framework and requirements of federal regulatory programs for those states to follow.