

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. CARNAHAN OF MISSOURI**

Page 260, after line 16, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____ . REINSTATEMENT OF HISTORIC BRIDGE PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1, as amended by section
4 1601(f) of this Act, is amended by inserting after section
5 143 the following:

6 **“§ 144. Historic bridge program**

7 “(a) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall, in co-
8 operation with the States, encourage the inventory, reten-
9 tion, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and future study of
10 historic bridges.

11 “(b) STATE INVENTORY.—The Secretary shall re-
12 quire each State to maintain and update an inventory of
13 all bridges on and off the Federal-aid system to determine
14 their historic significance.

15 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—Reasonable costs associated with
16 actions to preserve, or reduce the impact of a project
17 under this chapter on, the historic integrity of historic
18 bridges shall be eligible as reimbursable project costs
19 under this title if the load capacity and safety features

1 of the bridge are adequate to serve the intended use for
2 the life of the bridge; except that in the case of a bridge
3 which is no longer used for motorized vehicular traffic,
4 the costs eligible as reimbursable project costs shall not
5 exceed the estimated cost of demolition of such bridge.

6 “(d) PRESERVATION.—Any State which proposes to
7 demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project with
8 funds made available under this title shall first make the
9 bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or re-
10 sponsible private entity if such State, locality, or respon-
11 sible entity enters into an agreement to—

12 “(1) maintain the bridge and the features that
13 give it its historic significance; and

14 “(2) assume all future legal and financial re-
15 sponsibility for the bridge, which may include an
16 agreement to hold the State highway agency harm-
17 less in any liability action.

18 Costs incurred by the State to preserve the historic bridge,
19 including funds made available to the State, locality, or
20 private entity to enable it to accept the bridge, shall be
21 eligible as reimbursable project costs under this chapter
22 up to an amount not to exceed the cost of demolition.

23 “(e) HISTORIC BRIDGE DEFINED.—As used in this
24 section, ‘historic bridge’ means any bridge that is listed

1 on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of His-
2 toric Places.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
4 ter 1, as amended by section 1601(f) of this Act, is amend-
5 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 143 the
6 following new item:

“144. Historic bridge program.”.

