

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. GRIMM OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle G of title I of the Rules Committee Print, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . REVIEW AND REGULATION OF TOLLS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 135 of the Surface Trans-
3 portation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987
4 (33 U.S.C. 508; Public Law 100–17; 101 Stat. 174) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 135. REVIEW AND REGULATION OF TOLLS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Tolls for passage or transit over
8 any bridge constructed under the Act of March 23, 1906
9 (33 U.S.C. 491 et seq.) (commonly known as the ‘Bridge
10 Act of 1906’), the General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C.
11 525 et seq.), or the International Bridge Act of 1972 (33
12 U.S.C. 535 et seq.), and over or through any bridge or
13 tunnel constructed on a Federal-aid highway (as defined
14 in section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code) under
15 any other provision of law, shall be—

16 “(1) just and reasonable; and

17 “(2) subject to review and regulation by the
18 Secretary, upon complaint or the initiative of the

1 Secretary, including with respect to increases in the
2 amount of tolls.

3 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promul-
4 gate such regulations as are necessary to carry out this
5 section, including regulations that—

6 “(1)(A) define the term ‘just and reasonable’
7 for purposes of this section;

8 “(B) establish a process to determine whether
9 tolls are just and reasonable for purposes of this sec-
10 tion; and

11 “(C) prescribe, when appropriate, the just and
12 reasonable rates of tolls to be charged under this
13 section;

14 “(2) establish a process for the filing of an ad-
15 ministrative complaint to challenge a determination
16 described in paragraph (1)(B);

17 “(3) authorize the Secretary, or a designated
18 administrative law judge—

19 “(A) to consider a complaint from any per-
20 son aggrieved by a toll increase on any bridge
21 or tunnel described in subsection (a); and

22 “(B) to conduct an investigation and, if
23 appropriate, hold a formal hearing on such a
24 complaint; and

1 “(4) authorize a person who submitted a com-
2 plaint described in paragraph (3)(A) to challenge the
3 final administrative determination of the Secretary
4 or administrative law judge on the complaint, after
5 issuance of that determination, in the appropriate
6 United States district court in accordance with sub-
7 chapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5,
8 United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Ad-
9 ministrative Procedure Act’).”.

10 (b) STUDY ON USE OF TOLLS BY INTERSTATE AU-
11 THORITIES.—As soon as practicable after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall con-
13 duct, and submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
14 gress a report on the results of, a study—

15 (1) to evaluate the use of tolls by interstate au-
16 thorities to maintain and improve surface transpor-
17 tation facilities; and

18 (2) to make recommendations to increase trans-
19 parency and accountability of the funding decisions
20 by those authorities.

21 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
22 tents for the Surface Transportation and Uniform Reloca-
23 tion Assistance Act of 1987 (23 U.S.C. 101 note; Public

- 1 Law 100–17) is amended by striking the item relating to
- 2 section 135 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 135. Review and regulation of tolls.”.

