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

At the end of title III, add the following:

1 **SEC. 30___. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS FOR CERTAIN**
2 **HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.**

3 (a) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary shall issue categorical
4 exclusions from the requirement that an environmental as-
5 sessment or an environmental impact statement under sec-
6 tion 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of
7 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) be prepared for the following ac-
8 tions:

9   (1) Bridge preventative maintenance, rehabilita-
10   tion, or replacement activities that—

11   (A) occur on a bridge that is not on the
12   Interstate System; and

13   (B) in the case of a bridge replacement,
14   occur on a bridge that is on or near the existing
15   roadway alignment, with a width functionally
16   consistent with the existing or planned roadway.

17   (2) Modernization of a highway (other than a
18   highway on the Interstate System) by resurfacing,
19   restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding

1 shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking,

2 weaving, turning, climbing).

3   (3) Public and private utilities rehabilitation,

4 reconstruction, and replacement along or within an

5 existing or planned highway right-of-way.

6   (b) EFFECT OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.—In de-

7 veloping categorical exclusions under subsection (a), the

8 Secretary shall ensure that the actions described in sub-

9 section (a) receive the treatment provided for actions

10 under section 771.117(c) of title 23, Code of Federal Reg-

11 ulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

12   (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-

13 nitions apply:

14   (1) INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—The term ''Inter-

15 state System'' has the meaning given that term in

16 section 101 of title 23, United States Code.

17   (2) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UTILITIES.—the term

18 ''public and private utilities'' means public and pri-

19 vate highway and drainage appurtenances, including

20 water, sewer, street lighting, gas, and telecommuni-

21 cations facilities and equipment.

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