

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF
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OFFERED BY MR. CLARKE OF MICHIGAN**

Page 260, after line 16, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 1726. RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDS-**
2 **MAN; PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.**

3 (a) **RECOVERED MINERAL COMPONENT OMBUDSMAN**
4 **POSITION.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall estab-
5 lish in the Office of Pavement Technology of the Federal
6 Highway Administration the position of Recovered Min-
7 eral Component Ombudsman.

8 (b) **DUTIES OF OMBUDSMAN.**—The duties of the Re-
9 covered Mineral Component Ombudsman shall include—

10 (1) acting as an intermediary between States
11 and RMC Industry Groups on federally
12 funded highway projects; and

13 (2) encouraging States to use recovered min-
14 eral components (RMC) to drive down costs,
15 environmentally sensitive; and

16 (3) providing information on—

17 (A) the safety of using RMCs;

18 (B) data on projects that use RMCs; and
19 (C) training and educational seminars on the
20 environmental benefits, and on the cost saving
21 benefits, of using RMCs through partnerships
22 with the RMC industry groups supported by the
23 Administration.

24 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
25 terms “recovered mineral component” and “RMC”
26 mean—

- 27 (1) ground granulated blast furnace slag
- 28 cement;
- 29 (2) blast furnace slag aggregate;
- 30 (3) steel furnace slag aggregate; and
- 31 (4) any other co-product, waste material or
32 byproduct re-covered or diverted from solid waste that
33 the Federal Highway Administrator, in consultation with
34 an agency head, determines should be treated as
35 recovered mineral component under this section for
36 uses in asphalt or concrete projects paid for, in
37 whole or in part, by such agency.

38 (d) COMPREHENSIVE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.—
39 The Secretary of Transportation is encouraged to
40 amend the comprehensive procurement guidelines
41 applicable to federally related asphalt and concrete
42 projects to include specifications that encourage the use

43 of ground granulated blast furnace slag cement, blast

44 furnace slag aggregates and steel furnace slag aggregates.

