

MOTION TO RECOMMIT WITH INSTRUCTIONS

_____ moves to recommit the bill H.R. 3999 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

1 **SEC. 7. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT**
2 **BRIDGES ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, a structurally deficient bridge on a Federal-
5 aid highway with a Federal Highway Administration
6 bridge sufficiency rating of 5 or less that has also been
7 designated as an unreasonable obstruction to navigation
8 under section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate
9 the construction of bridges over navigable waters”, ap-
10 proved March 23, 1906 (33 U.S.C. 494; popularly known
11 as the “General Bridge Act of 1906”) shall be removed
12 once a new bridge or other facility is opened that will carry
13 the vehicular traffic that was once carried by the struc-
14 turally deficient bridge.

15 (b) PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, upon issuance of an appropriate order by the
17 Secretary of Transportation, the owner or operator of a

1 structurally deficient bridge that has not been removed in
2 violation of subsection (a) shall be subject to penalties
3 under section 5(b) of the Act referred to in subsection (a)
4 (33 U.S.C. 495(b)).

5 (c) STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGE DEFINED.—

6 In this section, the term “structurally deficient bridge”
7 means a bridge that has—

8 (1) significant load-carrying elements that are
9 in poor or worse condition due to deterioration or
10 damage, or both;

11 (2) a load capacity that is significantly below
12 current truckloads and that requires replacement; or

13 (3) a waterway opening causing frequent flood-
14 ing of the bridge deck and approaches resulting in
15 significant traffic interruptions.

