

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3311

To authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, and Mrs. BACHMANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
3 is authorized to carry out a project for the repair and re-
4 construction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Min-
5 neapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007.

6 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
7 of the project carried out under this section shall be 100
8 percent.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated \$250,000,000 to carry out
11 this section. Such sums shall remain available until ex-
12 pended.

13 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF EMERGENCY RELIEF LIMITATION.**

14 The limitation contained in section 125(d)(1) of title
15 23, United States Code, of \$100,000,000 shall not apply
16 to expenditures under section 125 of such title for the re-
17 pair or reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located
18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1,
19 2007.

20 **SEC. 3. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSIT AND TRAVEL**
21 **INFORMATION SERVICES.**

22 Section 1112 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Effi-
23 cient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119
24 Stat. 1171) is amended—

25 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
26 “There”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) MINNESOTA.—Notwithstanding any provision of
3 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary
4 may use funds authorized to carry out the emergency re-
5 lief program under section 125 of such title to reimburse
6 the Minnesota State department of transportation for ac-
7 tual and necessary costs of maintenance and operation,
8 less the amount of fares earned, for additional public
9 transportation services and traveler information services
10 which are provided by such department of transportation
11 as a temporary substitute for highway traffic service fol-
12 lowing the collapse of the Interstate I-35 bridge in Min-
13 neapolis, Minnesota, on August 1, 2007, until highway
14 traffic service is restored on such bridge. The Federal
15 share of the cost of activities reimbursed under this sub-
16 section shall be 100 percent.”.

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