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# H. R. 3343

To prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds on metric system highway signing, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1993

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

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## A BILL

To prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds on metric system highway signing, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. METRIC SYSTEM SIGNING.**

4 (a) PLACEMENT OF SIGNS.—The Secretary of Trans-  
5 portation shall prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds,  
6 and shall not require any State to expend other funds,  
7 to construct, erect, or otherwise place any sign relating  
8 to any speed limit, distance, or other measurement on any  
9 highway if such sign establishes such speed limit, distance,  
10 or other measurement using the metric system unless Con-

1 gress, after the date of the enactment of this Act, specifi-  
2 cally authorizes such expenditures.

3 (b) MODIFICATION OF SIGNS.—The Secretary of  
4 Transportation shall prohibit the expenditure of Federal  
5 funds, and shall not require any State to expend other  
6 funds, to modify any sign relating to any speed limit, any  
7 distance, or any other measurement on any highway for  
8 the conversion of such sign to the metric system unless  
9 Congress, after the date of the enactment of this Act, spe-  
10 cifically authorizes such expenditures.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subsections (a)  
12 and (b), the following definitions apply:

13 (1) HIGHWAY.—The term “highway” has the  
14 meaning such term has under section 101 of title  
15 23, United States Code.

16 (2) METRIC SYSTEM.—The term “metric sys-  
17 tem” has the meaning the term “metric system of  
18 measurement” has under section 4 of the Metric  
19 Conversion Act of 1975 (15 U.S.C. 205c).

20 (d) NONAPPLICABILITY TO PUERTO RICO.—This sec-  
21 tion shall not apply to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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