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To waive requirements mandating that States use the metric system in erecting highway signs and taking other actions relating to Federal-aid highway projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. METRIC CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) ERECTING AND MODIFYING HIGHWAY SIGNS.—

5 Notwithstanding section 3(2) of the Metric Conversion Act
6 of 1975 (15 U.S.C. 205b(2)) or any other law, no State
7 shall be required to erect or modify any highway sign that

1 establishes any speed limit, distance, or other measure-
2 ment using the metric system.

3 (b) OTHER ACTIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL-AID
4 HIGHWAY PROJECTS.—Upon receipt of a written notifica-
5 tion by a State, referring to its right to provide notifica-
6 tion under this subsection, the Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation shall waive, with respect to such State, any require-
8 ment that such State use or plan to use the metric system
9 with respect to designing, preparing plans, specifications,
10 and estimates, advertising, or taking any other action with
11 respect to Federal-aid highway projects or activities utiliz-
12 ing funds made available to carry out title 23, United
13 States Code. Such waiver shall remain effective for the
14 State until the State notifies the Secretary to the contrary.

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