AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. ASHFORD OF NEBRASKA

At the end of title III of division A, add the following:

SEC. ___. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION JOBS FOR LOCAL VETERANS.

Section 5325 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking “Recipients of assistance” and inserting “Except as provided in subsections (k) and (l), recipients of assistance”;

(2) in subsection (h) by striking “A grant awarded” and inserting “Except as provided in subsections (k) and (l), a grant awarded”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(l) VETERANS LOCAL HIRING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of assistance may post job opportunities on State job banks and with one-stop centers established under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–220), and may advertise and award a contract for construction containing requirements for the employ-
ment of veterans residing in or adjacent to any of
the areas in which the work is to be performed for
construction work required under the contract if—

“(A) the estimated cost of the project of
which the contract is a part is greater than
$10,000,000; and

“(B) the recipient may not require the hir-
ing of individuals who do not have the nec-
cessary skills to perform work in any craft or
trade, except for individuals who are subject to
an apprenticeship program or other training
program meeting the requirements of section
5332.

“(2) ADVERTISEMENT.—In advertising and
awarding a contract under this subsection, the Sec-
retary or a recipient of assistance shall ensure that
the requirements contained in the advertisement
would not—

“(A) compromise the quality of the project;

“(B) unreasonably delay the completion of
the project; or

“(C) unreasonably increase the cost of the
project.”.