AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-32

OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS

At the end of title III of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 3. ADHERENCE TO THE WILL OF VOTERS.

(a) NEW FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an applicant under section 5309(c) located in a jurisdiction in which there is a requirement to obtain voter approval to issue debt or create or increase a revenue source for a new fixed guideway capital project, including light rail, the applicant shall prepare a ballot proposition for any such project written in plain English that specifies exactly—

(1) the amount, type, and duration of indebtedness to be incurred and the amount, type, and duration of the revenue source to be used;

(2) the source of funding for such indebtedness or to repay such indebtedness, including all local funds to be used;

(3) the length of time such funding is authorized;
(4) the mode or modes of transportation being approved;

(5) the revenue source for any bonds that are to be issued;

(6) except as provided in subsection (b), the location, length, and scope of each segment or the elements of such public transportation project, including the beginning and ending point of the proposed route; and

(7) the total cost of the project.

(b) EXCEPTION FOR UNKNOWN OBSTACLE.—If a recipient of grant funds under such section encounters an unknown, unknowable, and unavoidable engineering obstacle, the recipient may reroute a portion of the segment set forth in the ballot proposition to the minimum extent necessary to avoid such obstacle. The recipient shall also inform the general public of the rerouting on its website and through notices to the media.

(c) CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—

(1) CERTIFICATION.—Subject to paragraph (2), if an applicant under subsection (a) receives a grant under section 5309, the Secretary shall certify on an annual basis that the applicant is in strict compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the
ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters.

(2) Failure to Comply with Ballot Proposition.—If the Secretary determines that a recipient of a grant under section 5309 fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions set forth in the ballot proposition, the Secretary shall discontinue funding for the project.

(d) Definition.—For purposes of this section the term “new fixed guideway capital project” has the same meaning given such term in section 5309(a)(1).