AMENDMENT

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OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

Add at the end of title I the following:

SEC. ____ . PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In requiring or acquiring an interest in land, the Secretary shall, in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, prefer the minimum interest in real property necessary to support a project or action.

(b) DETERMINATION.—In determining the proper interest in land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall first consider a temporary easement estate or other interest designed to reduce the overall cost, reduce the time, and minimize conflict with property owners related to such action or project.

(c) PROCEDURES USED IN STATE.—The Secretary shall consider and attempt to replicate, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with Federal laws, the procedures that a State has used to acquire interests in land, provided that such procedures are generally consistent with the goals of a project or action.