

AMENDMENT
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OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

Add at the end of title I the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROPERTY ACQUISITION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In requiring or acquiring an inter-
3 est in land, the Secretary shall, in accordance with the
4 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisi-
5 tion Policies Act of 1970, prefer the minimum interest in
6 real property necessary to support a project or action.

7 (b) DETERMINATION.—In determining the proper in-
8 terest in land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
9 first consider a temporary easement estate or other inter-
10 est designed to reduce the overall cost, reduce the time,
11 and minimize conflict with property owners related to such
12 action or project.

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

