AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. LATOURETTE OF OHIO AND MR.
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Beginning on page 262, strike line 14 and all that follows through page 263, line 11, and insert the following (and redesignate any subsequent subsections accordingly):

SEC. 2005. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS; TARGETED AND TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY FOR DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS IN CRISIS.

(a) URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS.—Section 5307(b)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (G) and (H), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (D)—

“(E) operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation in an urbanized area with a population of more than 200,000 for a designated recipient, direct recipient, or subrecipient under section 5311, providing public transportation in the area and op-
erating less than 100 buses in fixed-route service in such area during peak service hours.’’.

(b) TARGETED AND TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY FOR DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS IN CRISIS.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 5341. TARGETED AND TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY FOR DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS OR DIRECT RECIPIENTS IN CRISIS.

“(a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section the term ‘crisis period’ means that the unemployment rate, as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of any metropolitan statistical area located within a designated recipient’s or direct recipient’s service area is at or higher than 7 percent for the preceding month or the national average retail price of regular grade gasoline during a quarter, as reported by the United States Energy Information Administration, has increased by more than 10 percent compared to the same quarter during the previous year.

“(b) CONDITIONS FOR FLEXIBILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If a designated recipient or direct recipient operates at least 100 buses in fixed-route service during peak service hours, in an urbanized area with a population of more than 200,000, and is certified under paragraph (3) as being in a
crisis period, the agency may use funds provided under section 5307 for operating costs of equipment and facilities, subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3).

“(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—A designated recipient or direct recipient that meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (1) may use—

“(A) 50 percent of funds provided under section 5307 if it operates in an urbanized area with a population of more than 200,000 but less than 500,000;

“(B) 45 percent of funds provided under section 5307 if it operates in an urbanized area with a population of more than 500,000 but less than 1,000,000; or

“(C) 40 percent of funds provided under section 5307 if it operates in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1,000,000.

“(3) CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—To be eligible to use funds for operating costs of equipment and facilities under this section, a designated recipient or direct recipient shall request that the Secretary certify, not later than 30 days after such request is made, that the agency is in a crisis period. After each quarter, the Secretary shall monitor each
designated recipient or direct recipient in a crisis period to determine if the agency no longer qualifies as being in a crisis period. When the Secretary determines that an agency is no longer in a crisis period, the agency has 3 additional consecutive quarters to use the funds for operating costs of equipment.”.