AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-32

OFFERED BY MR. SABLAN OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Page 107, after line 24, insert the following:

1 SEC. 1122. ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FERRY SYSTEMS WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIES.

(a) TOLL ROADS, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, AND FERRIES.—Section 129(c)(5) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by inserting after “adjoining States” the following: “(including between territories of the United States or between a territory of the United States and a State)”;

(2) in the second sentence by inserting after “United States,” the following: “operations between territories of the United States, operations between a territory of the United States and a State,”.

(b) PUERTO RICO HIGHWAY PROGRAM.—Section 165(b)(2)(C) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (ii) by striking “and” at the end;
(2) in clause (iii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) funds authorized to be appropriated by the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015, or any subsequent Act, may be used for operating expenses related to a ferry operated between Puerto Rico and a territory of the United States or a State.”.

(c) Territorial Highway Program.—Section 165(c)(6) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) Ferry Operating Expenses.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), funds made available under this subsection, which are authorized to be appropriated by the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015, or any subsequent Act, may be used for operating expenses related to a ferry operated between territories or operated between a territory and a State.”.