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H. R. 1071

To prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls on certain highways
constructed using Federal funds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure

A BILL

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highways constructed using Federal funds.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping America’s
5 Freeways Free Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF**
7 **TOLLS ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS CON-**
8 **STRUCTED USING FEDERAL FUNDS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
10 nitions apply:

1 (1) FEDERAL HIGHWAY FACILITY.—The term
2 “Federal highway facility” means any highway,
3 bridge, or tunnel on the Interstate System that is
4 constructed using Federal funds.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Transportation.

7 (3) TOLLING PROVISION.—The term “tolling
8 provision” means—

9 (A) section 129 of title 23, United States
10 Code;

11 (B) section 1216(b) of the Transportation
12 Equity Act for the 21st Century (23 U.S.C.
13 129 note; 112 Stat. 212);

14 (C) section 1604(b) of the Safe, Account-
15 able, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity
16 Act: A Legacy for Users (23 U.S.C. 129 note;
17 119 Stat. 1250); and

18 (D) section 1012(b)(4) of the Intermodal
19 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
20 (23 U.S.C. 149 note; 105 Stat. 1938).

21 (b) PROHIBITION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
23 the Secretary shall not permit the imposition or col-
24 lection of any toll on any portion of a Federal high-
25 way facility—

1 (A) that is in existence on the date of en-
2 actment of this Act; and

3 (B) on which no toll is imposed or collected
4 under a tolling provision on that date of enact-
5 ment.

6 (2) EXEMPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
7 apply to the imposition or collection of a toll on a
8 Federal highway facility on which a toll is imposed
9 or collected under a tolling provision on the date of
10 enactment of this Act.

11 (c) STATE BUY-BACK.—No toll shall be imposed or
12 collected on a Federal highway facility that is purchased
13 by a State on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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