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H. R. 2426

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 6, 2011

Mr. Long introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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- 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. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND AP-
- 4 PROVALS FOR HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC TRANS-
- 5 PORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS.
- 6 Section 139(l) of title 23, United States Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "(l) Limitations on Claims.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a decision of a Federal agency to issue a permit, license, or approval for a highway or public transportation capital project shall be final and shall not be subject to judicial review. Nothing in this paragraph shall place any limit on filing a claim that a person has violated the terms of a permit, license, or approval.

"(2) NEW INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall consider new information received after the close of a comment period if the information satisfies the requirements for a supplemental environmental impact statement under section 771.130 of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations. The preparation of a supplemental environmental impact statement when required shall be considered a separate final agency action. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such an agency action shall be final and shall not be subject to judicial review."