

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8748
OFFERED BY MR. SUBRAMANYAM OF VIRGINIA

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 10. STUDY ON TOLL PRICING.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Trans-
5 portation for Research and Technology, shall seek to enter
6 into an agreement with the Transportation Research
7 Board of the National Academy of Science to carry out
8 the following:

9 (1) Conduct an economics study on the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) Toll pricing and the factors that con-
12 tribute to pricing for toll roads owned by pri-
13 vate entities in the United States.

14 (B) The price-setting methodology for toll
15 roads owned by private entities in the United
16 States.

17 (C) Long term trends in price-setting for
18 toll roads owned by private entities in the
19 United States.

1 (2) Make recommendations based on the results
2 of such study.

3 (b) STUDY.—The study under subsection (a) may in-
4 clude the following:

5 (1) A nationwide survey on toll pricing for
6 roads owned by private entities over the five years
7 before the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (2) Case examples of suspected instances of ex-
9 cessive pricing in which a toll is an amount equal or
10 greater than 120 percent of the average price for a
11 comparable toll road during the same set period of
12 time.

13 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The recommendations
14 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) Policies relating to tolling facilities that the
16 Federal Government can pursue to lower costs for
17 commuters with regard to toll roads.

18 (2) the feasibility and fiscal implications of the
19 Federal Government purchasing toll roads owned by
20 private entities and transferring the ownership of
21 such toll roads to the State in which such roads are
22 located.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than two years after enter-
24 ing into an agreement under subsection (a), the Secretary
25 of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on

1 Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
4 and Transportation of the Senate, and make publicly
5 available on a website of the Department of Transpor-
6 tation, a report that includes results of the study and any
7 recommendations made under such subsection.

