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To authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
5 is authorized to carry out a project for the repair and re-

1 construction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Min-
2 neapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007.

3 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
4 of the project carried out under this section shall be 100
5 percent.

6 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated \$250,000,000 to carry out
8 this section. Such sums shall remain available until ex-
9 pended.

10 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF EMERGENCY RELIEF LIMITATION.**

11 The limitation contained in section 125(d)(1) of title
12 23, United States Code, of \$100,000,000 shall not apply
13 to expenditures under section 125 of such title for the re-
14 pair or reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located
15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1,
16 2007.

17 **SEC. 3. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSIT AND TRAVEL**
18 **INFORMATION SERVICES.**

19 Section 1112 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Effi-
20 cient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119
21 Stat. 1171) is amended—

22 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
23 “There”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(b) MINNESOTA.—Notwithstanding any provision of
2 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary
3 may use funds authorized to carry out the emergency re-
4 lief program under section 125 of such title for the repair
5 and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located
6 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1,
7 2007. In addition, the Secretary may use up to
8 \$5,000,000 of such funds to reimburse the Metropolitan
9 Council (of Minnesota) for actual and necessary costs of
10 maintenance and operation, less the amount of fares
11 earned, for additional public transportation services and
12 traveler information services which are provided by such
13 department of transportation as a substitute for highway
14 traffic service following the collapse of the Interstate I–
15 35 bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 1, 2007,
16 until highway traffic service is restored on such bridge.
17 The Federal share of the cost of activities reimbursed
18 under this subsection shall be 100 percent.”.

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