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To require congressional approval of loans made by the Secretary of Transportation in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. NOTICE BY THE SECRETARY.**

4 The Secretary of Transportation may not make a
5 loan or loans to any entity in excess of \$1,000,000,000
6 in the aggregate over a 5 year period unless the loan ex-
7 ceeding the \$1,000,000,000 limit is approved by Congress
8 as provided in section 3 not later than 6 months after no-
9 tice is provided to Congress.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURE.**

2 (a) CONTENTS OF RESOLUTION.—For the purposes
3 of this section, the term “joint resolution” means only a
4 joint resolution introduced after the date on which Con-
5 gress receives notice from the Secretary of Transportation
6 under section 2 the matter after the resolving clause of
7 which is as follows: “The Congress approves the loan num-
8 bered _____ by the Secretary of Transportation to
9 (entity) in the amount of _____.”.

10 (b) REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE.—A resolution de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) introduced in the House of Rep-
12 resentatives shall be referred to the Committee on Trans-
13 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
14 tives. A resolution described in subsection (a) introduced
15 in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Com-
16 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate. Such
17 a resolution may not be reported before the 8th day after
18 its introduction.

19 (c) DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE.—If the committee
20 to which is referred a resolution described in subsection
21 (a) has not reported such resolution (or an identical reso-
22 lution) at the end of 15 calendar days after its introduc-
23 tion such resolution shall be placed on the appropriate cal-
24 endar of the House involved.

25 (d) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—When the committee to
2 which a resolution is referred has reported, or has
3 been deemed to be discharged (under subsection (c))
4 from further consideration of, a resolution described
5 in subsection (a), it is at any time thereafter in
6 order (even though a previous motion to the same
7 effect has been disagreed to) for any Member of the
8 respective House to move to proceed to the consider-
9 ation of the resolution, and all points of order
10 against the resolution (and against consideration of
11 the resolution) are waived. The motion is highly
12 privileged in the House of Representatives and is
13 privileged in the Senate and is not debatable. The
14 motion is not subject to amendment, or to a motion
15 to postpone, or to a motion to proceed to the consid-
16 eration of other business. A motion to reconsider the
17 vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed
18 to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to
19 the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the
20 resolution shall remain the unfinished business of
21 the respective House until disposed of.

22 (2) DEBATE.—Debate on the resolution, and on
23 all debatable motions and appeals in connection
24 therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10
25 hours, which shall be divided equally between those

1 favoring and those opposing the resolution. A motion
2 further to limit debate is in order and not debatable.
3 An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a mo-
4 tion to proceed to the consideration of other busi-
5 ness, or a motion to recommit the resolution is not
6 in order. A motion to reconsider the vote by which
7 the resolution is agreed to or disagreed to is not in
8 order.

9 (3) VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE.—Immediately
10 following the conclusion of the debate on a resolu-
11 tion described in subsection (a), and a single quorum
12 call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in
13 accordance with the rules of the appropriate House,
14 the vote on final passage of the resolution shall
15 occur.

16 (4) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—
17 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
18 the application of the rules of the Senate or the
19 House of Representatives, as the case may be, to the
20 procedure relating to a resolution described in sub-
21 section (a) shall be decided without debate.

22 (e) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
23 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one House of a resolu-
24 tion of that House described in subsection (a), that House

1 receives from the other House a resolution described in
2 subsection (a), then the following procedures shall apply:

3 (1) The resolution of the other House shall not
4 be referred to a committee.

5 (2) With respect to a resolution described in
6 subsection (a) of the House receiving the resolu-
7 tion—

8 (A) the procedure in that House shall be
9 the same as if no resolution had been received
10 from the other House; but

11 (B) the vote on final passage shall be on
12 the resolution of the other House.

13 (f) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
14 SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

15 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
16 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
17 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
18 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
19 respect to the procedure to be followed in that
20 House in the case of a resolution described in sub-
21 section (a), and it supersedes other rules only to the
22 extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

23 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
24 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
25 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,

1 in the same manner and to the same extent as in
2 the case of any other rule of that House.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act shall take effect January 1, 2007.

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