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Senator Brock moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 52 to read as follows:

Sec. 52. REAFFIRMATION OF MULTIYEAR FUNDING PRIORITIES  
FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

In 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.100, the General Assembly recognized the unprecedented opportunity that ARPA funds provide to invest in Vermont’s recovery and long-term future by supporting Vermonters’ health and well-being and strengthening Vermont’s communities, businesses, environment, and climate. As the General Assembly makes the necessary adjustments to the fiscal year 2022 budget and prepares to enact the fiscal year 2023 budget, it is important to reaffirm our commitment to using ARPA funds in a transformational manner, including for broadband, water and sewer, housing, economic recovery, and climate mitigation infrastructure in our rural communities suffering from demographic declines, rather than spending them on programs and services that can be supported with other funds. We need to recognize the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that these dollars represent to revitalize our rural communities, mitigate climate change, and invest in the future of our State.

1        Second: In Sec. 56, fiscal year 2022; State House expansion; request for  
2        proposal; Sergeant at Arms; Department of Buildings and General Services;  
3        General Fund carryforward, by striking out “; General Fund Carryforward”  
4        from the section title and adding a subsection (c) to read as follows:

5        (c) If the funds appropriated in Sec. 68(a)(32) of this act are not obligated  
6        by October 1, 2022 for the purpose described in subsection (a) of this section,  
7        the appropriation is repealed.