H.R. 926

Brief Explanation

H.R. 926 prohibits federal agencies from providing funding to a state or local government under specified Federal economic development programs for two years under certain conditions. Two conditions result in the prohibition of funding. First, H.R. 926 prohibits funding to a state or local government that uses the eminent domain power to transfer property from a private entity to another private entity unless the transfer is for a use listed as an exception. The exceptions include use by a public utility; a road or other right of way or means, open to the public or common carriers for transportation; an aqueduct, pipeline, or similar use; a prison or hospital; or any use during and in relation to a national emergency or national disaster declared by the President. Second, H.R. 926 prohibits funding to a state or local government that fails to provide relocation assistance to a person displaced from property by any use of eminent domain for an economic development purpose. Relocation assistance must meet the level and be of the same manner as that required under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. H.R. 926 provides landowners a private right of action to enforce the prohibition of funds under this Act.