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To require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to provide for improvements in the conspicuity of rail cars of rail carriers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) 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. IMPROVED CONSPICUITY OF RAIL CARS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 20132 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking the heading and inserting the
7 following:

8 “§ 20132. Visible markers for train cars”;

9 and

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

2 “(c) IMPROVED CONSPICUITY.—Not later than 180
3 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
4 Secretary of Transportation shall—

5 “(1) develop and implement a plan to ensure
6 that the requirements of this section are met; and

7 “(2) issue regulations that require that, not
8 later than 2 years after the date of issuance of the
9 regulations, all cars of freight, passenger, or com-
10 muter trains be equipped, and, if necessary, retro-
11 fitted, with at least 1 highly visible marker (includ-
12 ing reflective tape or appropriate lighting).”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
14 chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
15 by striking the item relating to section 20132 and insert-
16 ing the following:

“20132. Visible markers for train cars.”.

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