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S. 1726

To require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of the feasibility of implementing a program for the full screening of passengers, baggage, and cargo on Amtrak trains, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

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

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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. PASSENGER, BAGGAGE, AND CARGO SCREEN-**

4 **ING.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR STUDY AND REPORT.—The

6 Secretary of Transportation shall—

7 (1) study the cost and feasibility of requiring

8 security screening for all passengers, baggage, and

1   mail, express, and other cargo on Amtrak trains;

2   and

3   (2) report the results of the study, together

4   with any recommendations that the Secretary may

5   have for implementing a rail security screening pro-

6   gram to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

7   Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on

8   Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of

9   Representatives one year after the date of enactment

10   of this Act.

11   (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—As part of the study under

12 subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct a pilot program

13 of random security screening of passengers and baggage

14 at 5 of the 10 busiest passenger rail stations served by

15 Amtrak (measured by the average number of boardings

16 of Amtrak passenger trains) and at up to five additional

17 rail stations served by Amtrak that are selected by the

18 Secretary. In selecting the additional train stations the

19 Secretary shall attempt to achieve a distribution of partici-

20 pating stations in terms of geographic location and size.

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