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108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2572

[Report No. 108-274]

To authorize appropriations for the benefit of Amtrak for fiscal years 2004 through 2006, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. QUINN, and Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Additional sponsors: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. ETHERIDGE

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Amtrak Reauthoriza-
3 tion Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 24104 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 24104. Authorization of appropriations**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
9 propriated to the Secretary of Transportation
10 \$2,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through
11 2006, for the benefit of Amtrak for capital expenditures
12 under chapters 243, 247, and 249 of this title, operating
13 expenses, and payments described in subsection (b).

14 “(b) MANDATORY PAYMENTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized under
16 subsection (a) shall include—

17 “(A) an amount equal to the amount Am-
18 trak is required to pay under section 3221 of
19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is more
20 than the amount needed for anticipated benefits
21 for individuals who retire from Amtrak and for
22 their beneficiaries; and

23 “(B) amounts necessary to pay—

24 “(i) obligations of Amtrak under sec-
25 tion 8(a) of the Railroad Unemployment
26 Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 358(a)) due in

1 those fiscal years that are more than obli-
2 gations of Amtrak calculated on an experi-
3 ence-related basis; and

4 “(ii) obligations of Amtrak due under
5 section 3321 of the Code (26 U.S.C.
6 3321).

7 “(2) REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—
8 The Secretary shall make payments to the Treasury
9 of amounts authorized under paragraph (1) only
10 after the Secretary has received from Amtrak a re-
11 quest for the transfer of such funds, which shall in-
12 clude materials supporting, to the satisfaction of the
13 Secretary, the amount of the request.

14 “(c) CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.—From amounts
15 appropriated pursuant to this section, the Secretary and
16 the Amtrak Board of Directors shall ensure that sufficient
17 funds are reserved to satisfy Amtrak’s contractual obliga-
18 tions for commuter and State-supported passenger rail
19 service.

20 “(d) ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND SUPPLEMENTAL
21 REPORTS.—

22 “(1) BUSINESS PLAN.—Not later than Sep-
23 tember 15 of each of 2003, 2004, and 2005, Amtrak
24 shall transmit to the Secretary and the Congress a
25 comprehensive business plan for the subsequent fis-

1 cal year, including, as applicable, targets for rider-
2 ship, revenues, and capital and operating expenses.

3 The plan shall include the following:

4 “(A) A separate accounting of such targets
5 for each of the following:

6 “(i) Northeast Corridor.

7 “(ii) Commuter service.

8 “(iii) Long-distance Amtrak service.

9 “(iv) State-supported service.

10 “(v) Commercial activities (including
11 contract operations and mail and express).

12 The plan shall also include targets for each
13 intercity train route, including Autotrain.

14 “(B) With respect to capital projects, a de-
15 scription of the work to be funded, a work time-
16 table, cost estimates, and a list of other funding
17 sources if the project is not entirely funded by
18 the Federal Government.

19 “(2) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS.—Not later
20 than October 1, 2003, and once each alternate
21 month thereafter, Amtrak shall transmit to the Sec-
22 retary and the Congress a supplemental report re-
23 garding the business plan transmitted under para-
24 graph (1), which shall describe the work completed

1 to date, any changes to the business plan, and the
2 reasons for such changes.

3 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS AND EARLY APPRO-
4 PRIATIONS.—(1) Amounts appropriated under this section
5 remain available until expended.

6 “(2) Amounts for capital acquisitions and improve-
7 ments may be appropriated in a fiscal year before the fis-
8 cal year in which the amounts will be obligated.

9 “(f) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—Amounts appropriated
10 under this section may not be used to subsidize operating
11 losses of commuter rail passenger or rail freight transpor-
12 tation.”.

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