

H. R. 3532

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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. CONVEYANCE OF RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY
4 FOR INTERIM USE AS PUBLIC TRAILS.

5 Section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act (16

6 U.S.C. 1247(d)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”; and

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

3 “(2) In the case of any donation, transfer, lease, sale,
4 or other conveyance for interim use described in para-
5 graph (1), interim use shall not begin until the right to
6 interim use has been acquired from each of the owners
7 of the land underlying the right-of-way (and payment or
8 deposit of compensation to those owners has been made)—

9 “(A) in accordance with—

10 “(i) the Uniform Relocation Assistance and
11 Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
12 (42 U.S.C. 4651); and

13 “(ii) sections 3113 and 3114 of title 40,
14 United States Code;

15 “(B) and consistent with any order of a court
16 of competent jurisdiction in a condemnation pro-
17 ceeding.”.

18 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 The amendment made by section 1(2) shall apply
20 only to interim use of railroad rights-of-way pursuant to
21 donations, transfers, leases, sales, or other conveyances
22 entered into on or after November 19, 2003.

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