

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8692

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To require that the Amtrak Board of Directors comply with
the open meetings requirements of section 552b of title
5, United States Code, and for other purposes.

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 Transparency
3 and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. OPEN MEETINGS.**

5 Section 24301(e) of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “Section 552 of title 5, this
8 part” and inserting the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (3), sections 552 and 552b of title 5, this
11 part”;

12 (2) in the second sentence by striking “Section
13 552 of title 5, United States Code, applies” and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(2) TIMING OF APPLICATION.—Except as pro-
16 vided in paragraph (3), sections 552 and 552b of
17 title 5 apply”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(3) SCOPE OF APPLICATION.—

20 “(A) INFORMATION.—The requirements of
21 the second sentence of section 552b(b) of title
22 5 shall not apply to any portion of an Amtrak
23 meeting and subsections (d) and (e) of section
24 552b of title 5 shall not apply to any informa-
25 tion pertaining to any portion of an Amtrak
26 meeting otherwise required by section 552b of

1 title 5 to be disclosed to the public in any case
2 in which Amtrak properly determines that such
3 portion or portions of the meeting or the disclo-
4 sure of such information is likely to involve—

5 “(i) contract negotiations, including
6 negotiations for contract procurements and
7 agreements, the disclosure of which would
8 imperil or compromise the competitive po-
9 sition of Amtrak;

10 “(ii) collective bargaining agreements
11 or any terms and conditions that are pro-
12 posed for inclusion in any collective bar-
13 gaining agreement, including the negotia-
14 tion of terms and conditions with employ-
15 ees or representatives of employees of Am-
16 trak; and

17 “(iii) with respect to any individual
18 who is a prospective officer, employee, or
19 contractor or an officer, employee, or con-
20 tractor employed or appointed by Amtrak,
21 matters involving the employment, appoint-
22 ment, termination of employment, terms
23 and conditions of employment, evaluation
24 of the performance of, promotion or dis-
25 ciplining of any such individual, unless all

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.