

S 1220

Railroad Track Modernization Act of 2002

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]

Party: Democratic • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 23, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2001
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jul 23, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jul 23, 2001
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Aug 3, 2001
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 10, 2001
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 10, 2001
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Dec 17, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 5, 2002
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 27, 2002
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Aug 1, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 2, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 1020	Identical bill	<b>Jun 12, 2001:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 52.

Railroad Track Modernization Act of 2002 - (Sec. 2) Amends Federal rail transportation law to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program of capital grants to class II and class III railroads (or with the concurrence of such railroads, to a State or local government) to rehabilitate, preserve, or improve railroad track (including roadbed, bridges, and related track structures) used primarily for freight transportation to a standard ensuring that it can be operated safely and efficiently and accommodate 286,000 pound rail cars.

Declares that the Federal share of costs for such projects shall be 80 percent.

Sets forth certain grant and project requirements.

Authorizes the Secretary also to make grants to supplement direct loans or loan guarantees (including for paying credit risk premiums, lowering rates of interest, or providing for a holiday on principal payments) for projects primarily benefitting non-class I freight railroad carriers.

Sets forth certain employee protection and prevailing wage requirements with respect to projects financed by such grants.

Directs the Secretary to study and report to Congress on such projects to determine the public interest benefits associated with light density railroad networks in the States and their contribution to a multimodal transportation system.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2003 through 2005.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a program to provide financial assistance for local rail line relocation projects.

Sets forth certain grant requirements.

Declares that the Federal share of costs for such projects shall be 90 percent.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2003 through 2007.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with amendments. With written report No. 107-238.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with amendments. With written report No. 107-238.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 548.
- **Apr 18, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 23, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8066-8067)
- **Jul 23, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8067)