

HR 999

Rail Merger Reform and Customer Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads. (Mar 14, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 13, 2001
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2001)

Rail Merger Reform and Customer Protection Act - Amends Federal transportation law to condition the Surface Transportation Board's approval of any rail carrier consolidation, merger, or acquisition of control upon a finding that the transaction: (1) will not reduce competitive rail routes available to current railroad customers; (2) will provide additional rail to rail competition and competitive options for railroad customers; (3) will improve service to customers; and (4) is in conformity with the antitrust laws.

Declares that rail carriers and rail transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Board shall also be subject to the antitrust laws.

Repeals the exemption of rate agreements from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act and specified parts of the Wilson Tariff Act (thus subjecting such agreements to Federal antitrust laws). Repeals the mandate that the Federal Trade Commission report to the Board periodically on possible anticompetitive features of approved rate agreements, or agreements submitted for approval, and any organization operating under such agreements.

Prohibits a person proceeding against a rail carrier in a complaint before the Board from proceeding against the same rail carrier pursuant to other Federal or State law, and vice versa.

Amends the Clayton Act to conform with this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads.
- **Mar 13, 2001:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E350)
- **Mar 13, 2001:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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