

HR 2571

Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Sep 15, 2003
Rep. Smith, Nick [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Sep 30, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 18, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century - (Sec. 2) Amends Federal transportation law known as the Swift Rail Development Act (or the Swift Act) to make corridor development activities (including the acquisition of locomotives, rolling stock, track, and signal equipment) eligible for Federal assistance. Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2011.

(Sec. 3) Amends specified Federal law to change from discretionary to mandatory the Secretary's authority to provide direct loans and loan guarantees for rail rehabilitation and improvement projects to State and local governments, interstate compacts, government sponsored authorities and corporations, railroads, and joint ventures that include at least one railroad.

Extends the meaning of railroad, for rail rehabilitation and infrastructure financing (RRIF) program purposes, to include modern high-speed ground transportation technology such as magnetic levitation.

Increases from \$3.5 billion to \$35 billion the aggregate unpaid principal amounts of obligations under direct loans and loan guarantees for the RRIF program at any one time. Increases from \$1 million to \$7 million the set-aside for projects primarily benefiting non-Class I freight railroads. Prohibits the Secretary from establishing any limit on the amount of one loan or loan guarantee issued under the program.

Revises requirements for cohorts of loans, allowing inclusion of loans and loan guarantees.

Prohibits the Secretary from requiring a direct loan or loan guarantee applicant to provide collateral, or from having previously sought financial assistance from another source. Requires the Secretary to require such applicants to apply to their projects certain prevailing wage, health and safety, and employee protection labor standards.

Requires the Secretary to approve or disapprove an application within 90 days after its submission.

Prohibits the Secretary from assessing fees, including user fees, or charges in connection with a direct loan or loan guarantee.

Directs the Secretary to make publicly available and to publish on the Department's website the substantive criteria and standards used in rendering a decision to approve or disapprove an application.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 6, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 108-278, Part II.
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- **Nov 6, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 206.
- **Oct 31, 2003:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 7, 2003.
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported Without Recommendation (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 3, 2003:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 31, 2003.
- **Sep 18, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 108-278, Part I.
- **Sep 18, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 108-278, Part I.
- **Sep 18, 2003:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 3, 2003.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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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