

HR 4008

Anti-Terrorism Protection of Mass Transportation and Railroad Carriers Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: CT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Mar 18, 2004
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		May 4, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1608	Identical bill	Sep 11, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Anti-Terrorism Protection of Mass Transportation and Railroad Carriers Act of 2004 - Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit specified attacks and acts of violence against mass transportation systems and against railroad carriers, including derailing a train, placing a biological agent or toxin in or near a mass transportation vehicle, setting fire to a terminal, committing an act with intent to cause serious bodily injury to a railroad employee, and conveying false information concerning an attempt to commit such a crime. Lists circumstances resulting in aggravated offenses. Sets penalties for violations.

Authorizes: (1) the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications in cases involving domestic or international terrorism and involving other specified offenses (such as violence at international airports, an attack on a Federal facility with a firearm, and conspiracy to harm persons or property overseas); and (2) the use of an emergency pen register or trap and trace device in cases involving domestic or international terrorism or conspiratorial activities threatening the national security interest.

Modifies the definition of: (1) "Federal crime of terrorism" to include an offense that appears by its nature or context to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion, or affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnaping; and (2) "international terrorism" to include listed actions that appear "by their nature or context" to be intended to intimidate, influence, or affect governmental conduct.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 2, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 18, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 18, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E412)
- **Mar 18, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.