

HR 6707

Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bean, Melissa L. [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Hobson, David L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 31, 2008
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 16, 2008
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 16, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 26, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2008)

Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act - Revises requirements with respect to the consolidation, merger, or acquisition of control (transaction) involving rail carriers to require public hearings in the affected communities if public hearings on a proposed transaction are held.

Requires the Surface Transportation Board, in a proceeding with respect to a transaction that involves at least one Class I railroad (under current law, involving the merger or control of at least two Class I railroads), to consider the effect on the public interest, including the safety and environmental effect of the proposed merger on local communities, intercity rail passenger transportation, and commuter rail passenger transportation.

Prohibits the Board from approving mergers if their impacts on safety and on all affected communities outweigh their transportation benefits. Authorizes the Board to impose conditions to mitigate the effect of mergers on local communities.

Declares that the amendments made by this Act are to be applied to all transactions that have not been approved by the Board as of August 1, 2008.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2008:** Mr. Oberstar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10158-10164; text of measure as reported in House: CR H10158)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6707.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10223-10224)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 243 - 175 (Roll no. 663).
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- **Sep 26, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 110-893.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 576.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 9, 2008:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1671)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure