

## S 3379

### Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2016
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 21, 2016
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2016
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 22, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act

This bill requires the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to assess, and implement a risk-based strategy to address, threats posed to surface transportation and maritime systems. The TSA shall establish the Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for improvements to surface transportation and maritime security.

In addition, the bill:

- allows the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand the TSA's explosives-detection canine-team program;
- requires the Government Accountability Office to study specified matters related to surface transportation;
- expands the permissible uses of railroad security improvement grants;
- requires the TSA to issue a decision on the use of a passenger vetting system by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak);
- requires the TSA to establish processes to improve background checks and terrorism vetting;
- requires DHS to commission an assessment of its transportation security card program and, if applicable, develop a corrective action plan;
- with respect to transportation security card applications, establishes priority for members of the Armed Forces;
- requires DHS to evaluate cargo-container scanning technologies; and
- revises other provisions related to transportation security.

## Actions Timeline

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