

HR 5131

Surface Transportation Security Improvement Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 19, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4474	Related bill	Dec 5, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security.

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(Sec. 3) The Government Accountability Office (GAO) must evaluate the extent to which the 2016 Biennial National Strategy for Transportation Security is reflected in federal transportation security programs.

(Sec. 4) This bill establishes programs and reporting requirements to identify risks to facilities, equipment, or systems used to provide public transportation (surface transportation assets). It requires the Department of Homeland Security to:

- develop risk-based priorities informed by an analysis of terrorist and cyber attack scenarios,
- submit to Congress a feasibility assessment of employing new technologies to enhance surface transportation security,
- disseminate best practices to protect against the threat of a vehicle-based terrorist attack, and
- report on threats to transportation security posed by the use of security technologies by foreign countries.

(Sec. 9) The bill authorizes the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to establish a task force to identify and develop an innovative technology to enhance transportation security. The TSA must also submit to Congress and the GAO a strategy to guide operations of surface transportation security inspectors.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1768-1769)
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 5 (Roll no. 126).
- **Mar 22, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 5 (Roll no. 126).
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-602.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 458.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Mr. Bacon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1669-1671; text: CR H1669-1670)
- **Mar 19, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5131.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** 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.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 27, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.