

HR 8692

Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Jun 11, 2024

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Jun 14, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 11, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act

This bill directs Amtrak to comply with federal open meeting requirements under the Government in the Sunshine Act, with exceptions.

Under the bill, certain open meeting requirements do not apply to any portion or portions of a meeting that Amtrak properly determines are likely to involve

- contract negotiations, including negotiations for contract procurements and agreements, the disclosure of which would imperil or compromise Amtrak's competitive position;
- collective bargaining agreements or any terms and conditions that are proposed for inclusion in an agreement; and
- matters involving the employment, appointment, termination, terms and conditions of employment, performance evaluation, promotion, or disciplining of a current or prospective Amtrak officer, employee, or contractor (unless all affected individuals request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 11, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Ms. Maloy moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6578-6579)
- **Dec 10, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8692.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6579)
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- **Dec 10, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-795.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 656.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Discharged
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jun 11, 2024:** Introduced in House
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