
PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 749) TO
REAUTHORIZE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL
PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING
FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 6,
2015, THROUGH MARCH 13, 2015

March 2, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MR. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res.]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House
Resolution____, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the
recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 749, the
Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015, under a structured rule.
The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and
controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure. The resolution waives all points of order
against consideration of the bill. The resolution makes in order as original
text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a
substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-9 and
provides that it shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points
of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The
resolution makes in order only those further amendments printed in this
report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in
this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall
be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report
equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not
be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division
of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The
resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this
report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without

instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

Section 3 of the resolution provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2.

Section 4 of the resolution provides that at any time through the legislative day of March 13, 2015, the Chair may postpone further consideration of a measure in the House to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII (Ramseyer), requiring a committee report accompanying a bill amending or repealing statutes to show, by typographical device, parts of statute affected.

This waiver is necessary because the submission provided by the committees was insufficient to meet the standards established by the rule in its current form. The Committee on Rules continues to work with the House Office of Legislative Counsel and committees to determine the steps necessary to comply with the updated rule.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text, the committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver of all points of order is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report, the committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver of all points of order is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 30

Motion by Mr. McGovern to report an open rule. Defeated: 2-7

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx.....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter.....	Yea
Mr. Cole.....	Nay	Mr. McGovern.....	Yea
Mr. Woodall.....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	
Mr. Burgess.....	Nay	Mr. Polis.....	
Mr. Stivers.....	Nay		
Mr. Collins.....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman.....	Nay		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. McNerney (CA): Ensures that socially and economically disadvantaged businesses request for proposals are considered for station development opportunities under Section 208 of the bill. (10 minutes)
2. Fitzpatrick (PA): Adds veteran-owned small businesses to the participation study required under Section 305. (10 minutes)
3. Mica (FL): A proposal for Northeast Corridor Express Service. (10 minutes)
4. Brownley (CA): Requires each state to develop a grade crossing action plan, identifying specific solutions for improving safety at crossings, including highway-rail grade crossing closures or grade separations; and focuses on crossings that have experienced recent grade crossing accidents or multiple accidents, or are at high risk for accidents. (10 minutes)
5. Perlmutter (CO): Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit to Congress a report evaluating the effectiveness of the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) 2005 rule on the use of locomotive horns at rail crossings. (10 minutes)
6. McClintock (CA): Restricts operating subsidies for Amtrak. (10 minutes)
7. Lipinski (IL): Clarifies that passengers using or transporting non-motorized transportation are to be considered in the Amtrak Office of Inspector General's report on boarding procedures in Section 211. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCNERNEY OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MR. MCNERNEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 43, line 24, strike “where appropriate” and insert “including small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals”.

Page 44, after line 16, insert the following:

- 1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “small
- 2 business concern” and “socially and economically dis-
- 3 advantaged individual” have the meanings given such
- 4 terms in section 305(e).



2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZPATRICK OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 63, line 6, insert after “individuals” the following: “and veteran-owned small businesses”.

Page 64, after line 13, insert the following:

- 1 (3) VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS.—
- 2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “veteran-
- 3 owned small business” has the meaning given
- 4 the term “small business concern owned and
- 5 controlled by veterans” in section 3(q)(3) of the
- 6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)(3)).
- 7 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “veteran-
- 8 owned small business” does not include any
- 9 concern or group of concerns controlled by the
- 10 same veterans that have average annual gross
- 11 receipts during the preceding 3 fiscal years in
- 12 excess of \$22,410,000 as adjusted annually by
- 13 the Secretary for inflation.



3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MICA OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MR. MICA OF FLORIDA**

Page 68, after line 9, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 308. NORTHEAST CORRIDOR EXPRESS SERVICE.

2 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, the Northeast Corridor Infra-
4 structure and Operations Advisory Committee, in con-
5 sultation with Amtrak, shall transmit to the Committee
6 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
7 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
8 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that
9 analyzes the implementation of non-stop, high-speed ex-
10 press passenger rail service between Washington, District
11 of Columbia, and New York, New York, and between New
12 York, New York, and Boston, Massachusetts. The report
13 shall consider—

14 (1) estimated trip time, ridership, revenue, total
15 cost, capacity, and other metrics for each service;

16 (2) impacts on existing Amtrak and commuter
17 rail services; and

1 (3) impacts on Northeast Corridor infrastruc-
2 ture.

3 (b) CONSIDERATION.—Not later than 90 days after
4 the transmittal of the report required under subsection
5 (a), the Amtrak Board of Directors shall consider imple-
6 menting such services.



4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 503. STATE ACTION PLANS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require—

3 (1) each State, other than those States identi-
4 fied pursuant to section 202 of the Rail Safety Im-
5 provement Act of 2008 (49 U.S.C. 22501 note), to
6 develop and implement, not later than 18 months
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, a State
8 grade crossing action plan; and

9 (2) each State that was identified pursuant to
10 section 202 of such Act to update its plan and sub-
11 mit to the Secretary, not later than 1 year after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, a report describing
13 what the State did to implement the plan.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—Each plan required under sub-
15 section (a) shall—

16 (1) identify specific solutions for improving
17 safety at crossings, including highway-rail grade
18 crossing closures or grade separations; and

1 (2) focus on crossings that have experienced re-
2 cent grade crossing accidents or multiple accidents,
3 or are at high risk for accidents.

4 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide assist-
5 ance to the States in developing and carrying out, as ap-
6 propriate, the plan required under subsection (a).

7 (d) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may condition the
8 awarding of any grants under section 103 of this Act to
9 a State on the development of such State’s grade crossing
10 action plan.

11 (e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall
12 make each plan and report publicly available on an official
13 Internet Web site.



5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MR. PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 503. QUIET ZONE REPORT.**

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall transmit to Con-
4 gress a report evaluating the rule issued by the Federal
5 Railroad Administration on the use of locomotive horn at
6 rail crossings. Such report shall—

7 (1) evaluate the effectiveness of the rule in re-
8 ducing accidents and fatalities at rail crossings;

9 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of the rule in es-
10 tablishing quiet zones;

11 (3) identify any barriers to the establishment of
12 quiet zones; and

13 (4) estimate the costs associated with their es-
14 tablishment.



6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCLINTOCK OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

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FOR H.R. 749

OFFERED BY _____

Page 2, line 3, through page 3, line 10, strike section 101.



7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 749
OFFERED BY MR. LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS**

Page 48, line 14, after “procedures” insert “for passengers, including passengers using or transporting non-motorized transportation such as wheelchairs and bicycles”.



House Calendar No. _____

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Report No. 114-_____

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2015

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution; which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015.

1 *Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this reso-
2 lution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule
3 XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of
4 the Whole House on the state of the Union for consider-
5 ation of the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support

1 for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes. The
2 first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points
3 of order against consideration of the bill are waived. Gen-
4 eral debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not ex-
5 ceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair
6 and ranking minority member of the Committee on Trans-
7 portation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill
8 shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute
9 rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill
10 for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule
11 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of
12 the text of Rules Committee Print 114-9. That amend-
13 ment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as
14 read. All points of order against that amendment in the
15 nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that
16 amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order
17 except those printed in the report of the Committee on
18 Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amend-
19 ment may be offered only in the order printed in the re-
20 port, may be offered only by a Member designated in the
21 report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for
22 the time specified in the report equally divided and con-
23 trolled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be
24 subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a de-
25 mand for division of the question in the House or in the

1 Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such
2 amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consider-
3 ation of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise
4 and report the bill to the House with such amendments
5 as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a
6 separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted
7 in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amend-
8 ment in the nature of a substitute made in order as origi-
9 nal text. The previous question shall be considered as or-
10 dered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage
11 without intervening motion except one motion to recommit
12 with or without instructions.

13 SEC. 2. On any legislative day during the period from
14 March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015—

15 (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day
16 shall be considered as approved; and

17 (b) the Chair may at any time declare the House ad-
18 journed to meet at a date and time, within the limits of
19 clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be an-
20 nounced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

21 SEC. 3. The Speaker may appoint Members to per-
22 form the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period
23 addressed by section 2 of this resolution as though under
24 clause 8(a) of rule I.

1 SEC. 4. At any time through the legislative day of
2 March 13, 2015, the Chair may postpone further consider-
3 ation of a measure in the House to such time as may be
4 designated by the Speaker.