117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6365

To direct the Surface Transportation Board to require any high-speed rail project to acquire all land for the project before starting construction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 10, 2022

Mr. Ellzey (for himself and Mr. Brady) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To direct the Surface Transportation Board to require any high-speed rail project to acquire all land for the project before starting construction, and for other purposes.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

 SECTION 1. LAND ACQUISITION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL.

 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Surface Transportation

 Board may not approve any high-speed rail project—

 (1) to be built across a distance of fewer than

 10 miles; and
- 8 (2) before all land needed for the project is acquired.

- 1 (b) HIGH-SPEED RAIL DEFINED.—In this Act, the
- 2 term "high-speed rail" means passenger ground transpor-
- 3 tation across a railroad or using magnetic levitation sys-
- 4 tems where a speed of 125 miles per hour can reasonably

5 be expected to occur.

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