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To amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to convey of certain properties to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPEDITED PROPERTY CONVEYANCE.**

4 Section 24301 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(p) EXPEDITED PROPERTY CONVEYANCE.—

7 “(1) On or before June 30, 2021:

1 “(A) Amtrak shall convey to the Common-
2 wealth of Pennsylvania all of its rights and title
3 in—

4 “(i) the Keystone Line and stations
5 between Harrisburg and Philadelphia,
6 Pennsylvania, including all of Amtrak’s
7 passenger stations along that line east of
8 William H. Gray III 30th Street Station in
9 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

10 “(ii) all of Amtrak’s other passenger
11 stations, excluding Amtrak’s William H.
12 Gray III 30th Street Station and North
13 Philadelphia Station, located within the
14 Commonwealth along Amtrak’s Northeast
15 Corridor and used for commuter rail pas-
16 senger service as of May 1, 2020;

17 “(iii) sections of track on or along
18 Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor immediately
19 south of William H. Gray III 30th Street
20 Station in Philadelphia that are solely used
21 by and maintained by Southeastern Penn-
22 sylvania Transportation Authority; and

23 “(iv) Amtrak’s obligations to the
24 United States as determined by the Sec-
25 retary under subparagraph (C).

1 “(B) Amtrak shall be entitled to use the
2 properties conveyed pursuant to subparagraph
3 (A) on the same terms and conditions and right
4 to determination by the United States Surface
5 Transportation Board as afforded commuter
6 authorities operating over Amtrak’s lines pursu-
7 ant to section 24903.

8 “(C) The Secretary shall—

9 “(i) determine what portion of the
10 note and mortgage the Secretary obtained
11 from Amtrak to secure the amounts paid
12 by the United States to acquire Amtrak’s
13 Northeast Corridor should be allocated,
14 based on the original purchase price paid
15 by the United States, to the properties to
16 be conveyed under subparagraph (A); and

17 “(ii) at the time of the conveyance
18 under subparagraph (A), assign that por-
19 tion of the note and mortgage to the Com-
20 monwealth of Pennsylvania.

21 “(2) Amtrak shall be entitled to no compensa-
22 tion for the conveyances mandated in paragraph
23 (1)(A), and, exclusively for the purposes of this sub-
24 section, notwithstanding any other provision of the

1 law, shall be deemed an agency of the United
2 States.”.

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