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A BILL

To establish a high-speed rail network along the northeast corridor reducing travel time within the area and creating construction jobs.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “North East Corridor Highspeed Rail Establishment Act” or the “NE Corridor Highspeed Rail Act.”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

- (a) That the current Northeast Corridor rail system transports 750,000 passengers per day and is the busiest passenger rail line in the United States.
- (b) Amtrak, the company operating the railroad vehicles on the Northeast Corridor in 2019 saw a \$3.3 billion revenue carrying 32.5 million passengers in the fiscal year.

(c) Currently, a train service from Boston, Massachusetts to Washington DC, takes 6 hours and 35 minutes.

(d) The primary issues for delay on current lines operated by Amtrak in the Northeast Corridor are generally congestion and curvature, which inhibit the ability of the Acela to operate at full speed during the significant majority of the journey.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

(a) Northeast Corridor.— Refers to the electrified rail line spanning across a portion of the Northeastern United States.

(b) Amtrak.— Refers to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation who operates all vehicles on the Northeast Corridor.

(c) High-Speed Rail.— Refers to any railroad system that is significantly faster than that of traditional railroads.

(d) Rail Infrastructure .— Refers to any infrastructure that supports or maintains a railroad, this may include but is not limited to-

(i) —Stations

(ii) Electrified Railroad

(iii) Platforms

(iv) Overhead Wiring

(v) Current path of the Acela Express.

(vi) Land acquired to construct rail lines.

(e) The Department. — Refers to ~~the~~ Department for the Interior.

(f) “New technology” refers to any railroad system that is significantly faster than that of traditional railroads and is consistent with or superior to those found in foreign markets, specifically the Italo/British Pendolino Class 390.

(g) Current technology” refers to the current rail lines and trains operated for usage in the Acela Express.

(h) “Audit” refers to a general evaluation of current track and technology to analyze and replace outdated areas.

SEC. 4. Infrastructure

- (a) \$45,000,000,000 will be ~~appropriated to the Department~~ granted to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to begin constructing a high-speed rail network on the Northeast Corridor.
- (b) Current land allocations for the northeast corridor will remain with the construction of the high-speed rail to remain on this land. This high-speed rail line will replace the current technology and any steel replaced/removed from the old line is to be recycled and or used for the high-speed rail replacement.
- (c) Any platform that does not currently have the capability to support high-speed locomotives or railroad will be renovated to support so. Any platform that does not currently have the capability to support high-speed locomotives or railroad will be renovated to support so. Any platform that does not currently have the capability to support new technology locomotives or railways will be renovated to support so.
- (d) Amtrak shall conduct a general audit of track placed on land already acquired and operated by Amtrak, replacing and reconstructing areas of said track in which the path of movement is no longer tenable.
- (e) 'General track shall be replaced using technology consistent with new technology.
- (f) Amtrak shall acquire new land to reconstruct areas of the track in which intense curvature exists so as to decrease line congestion and increase efficiency.

SEC. 5. Technology

- ~~(a) All locomotives and rolling stock will be purchased and operated by Amtrak, this will include all carriages and supporting facilities for these locomotives.~~
- (b) All maintenance facilities for the technologies outlined in Sec. 5. A will be maintained by Amtrak without the support of the federal government.
- (c) All locomotives, additional land, and rolling stock will be purchased and operated by Amtrak; this will include all carriages and supporting facilities for these locomotives.

SEC. 6. Compensation

- (a) Amtrak will pay a yearly amount of \$2,000,000,000 to use the high-speed rail facilities, not including costs for:
 - (i) Electricity
 - (ii) Local and State government charges
 - (iii) Station upkeep charges

(iv) Railroad support staff.

(b) All of the charges outlined in Sec.6.A.i-iv will be covered by Amtrak

SEC. 7. ENACTMENT.

EFFECTIVE DATE.— The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage.
