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H. R. 1090

To require the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to operate certain rail passenger service between Chicago, Illinois, and Jacksonville, Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1993

Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. BARLOW, Mr. GORDON, Mrs. LLOYD, Mr. DARDEN, Mr. ROWLAND, and Mr. DEAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Floridian Passenger
5 Rail Service Reestablishment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the National Railroad Passenger Corpora-
2 tion (Amtrak) has dramatically improved both the
3 quality and the economics of rail passenger service
4 in the past 20 years, and provides a marketable and
5 highly desired national transportation service;

6 (2) Amtrak is recognized as a critical element
7 of a balanced national transportation system and as
8 an energy efficient, environmentally benign alter-
9 native to growing highway and airport congestion;

10 (3) Amtrak provides transportation to nearly
11 22,000,000 intercity and 18,000,000 commuter pas-
12 sengers each year, and serves as a vital national
13 transportation link to rural America, which increas-
14 ingly is losing other modes of transportation;

15 (4) low cost rail transportation service between
16 Chicago and Florida would serve the needs of the el-
17 derly, rural residents, low-income families, tourists,
18 business interests, and military personnel not now
19 adequately served by the interstate highway or other
20 transportation systems;

21 (5) restoration of the Floridian route would fill
22 an important gap that exists in Amtrak's current
23 route system and provide passenger rail service to
24 11,500,000 people who live in numerous cities and

1 towns, such as Evansville, Nashville, and Chat-
2 tanooga, not currently served by Amtrak;

3 (6) an Amtrak route linking Chicago, Illinois,
4 and Jacksonville, Florida, via the cities of Evans-
5 ville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Atlanta would
6 serve as an economic boost to both the Midwest and
7 Southeast portions of the United States; and

8 (7) the startup costs for reestablishing the Flo-
9 ridian route will be shared between both Federal and
10 State governments, and substantial enthusiasm and
11 financial support for this route already exists within
12 the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee,
13 Georgia, and Florida.

14 **SEC. 3. SERVICE REQUIREMENT.**

15 The National Railroad Passenger Corporation shall,
16 before January 1, 1996, begin the operation of regular
17 rail passenger service from Chicago, Illinois, via Evans-
18 ville, Indiana, Nashville, Tennessee, Chattanooga, Ten-
19 nessee, and Atlanta, Georgia, to Jacksonville, Florida.

20 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22 retary of Transportation for the benefit of the National
23 Railroad Passenger Corporation for the purpose of carry-
24 ing out this Act such sums as may be necessary for each
25 of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996.

