### 105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# H. R. 4574

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#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 15, 1998

Mr. Snowbarger (for himself, Mr. Moran of Kansas, Mr. Ryun, and Mr. Tiahrt) 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,

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Merchant Marine-Rail-
- 3 road Retirement Correction Act of 1998".
- 4 SEC. 2. MERCHANT MARINE SERVICE.
- 5 (a) In General.—Section 1(g)(1) of the Railroad
- 6 Retirement Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end
- 7 "For the purposes of section 3(i)(2) of this Act, military
- 8 service shall also be deemed to include service that is
- 9 deemed to be active duty for the purposes of laws adminis-
- 10 tered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by reason of
- 11 a determination by the Secretary of Defense under section
- 12 401 of Public Law 95–202 (38 U.S.C. 106 note).".
- 13 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 14 this section shall apply with respect to months beginning
- 15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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