

# Union Calendar No. 303

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3429

[Report No. 107-507]

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. GRAVES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HONDA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JUNE 13, 2002

Additional sponsors: Mr. KERNS, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CROWLEY

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 6, 2001]

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## 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 “Over-the-Road Bus Se-*  
5       *curity and Safety Act of 2002”.*

6       **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY AS-**  
7               **SISTANCE.**

8       *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation*  
9       *may make grants to private operators of over-the-road buses*  
10       *for system-wide security improvements to their operations,*  
11       *including the reimbursement of extraordinary security-re-*  
12       *lated costs determined by the Secretary to have been in-*  
13       *curred by such operators since September 11, 2001, and*  
14       *including—*

15               *(1) constructing and modifying garages, facili-*  
16       *ties, or over-the-road buses to assure their security;*

17               *(2) acquiring, upgrading, installing, or oper-*  
18       *ating equipment, software, or accessorial services for*  
19       *collection, storage, or exchange of passenger and driv-*  
20       *er information through ticketing systems or otherwise,*  
21       *and information links with government agencies;*

22               *(3) training employees in recognizing and re-*  
23       *sponding to terrorist threats, evacuation procedures,*  
24       *passenger screening procedures, and baggage inspec-*  
25       *tion;*

1           (4) *hiring and training security officers or “bus*  
2           *marshals”;*

3           (5) *installing cameras and video surveillance*  
4           *equipment on over-the-road buses and at garages and*  
5           *over-the-road bus facilities;*

6           (6) *creating a program for employee identifica-*  
7           *tion or background investigation;*

8           (7) *establishing an emergency communications*  
9           *system linked to police and emergency personnel; and*

10          (8) *implementing and operating passenger*  
11          *screening programs at terminals and on over-the-road*  
12          *buses.*

13          (b) *FEDERAL SHARE.*—*The Federal share of the cost*  
14          *for which any grant is made under this Act shall be 90*  
15          *percent.*

16          (c) *PRIORITY.*—*In making grants under this Act, the*  
17          *Secretary shall give priority to private operators of over-*  
18          *the-road buses that have increased fares, or realigned budget*  
19          *priorities, to enhance bus transportation security from those*  
20          *in effect in calendar year 2001.*

21          (d) *GRANT REQUIREMENTS.*—*A grant under this Act*  
22          *shall be subject to all the terms and conditions that a grant*  
23          *is subject to under section 3038(f) of the Transportation Eq-*  
24          *uity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 5310 note; 112*  
25          *Stat. 393).*

1 **SEC. 3. PLAN REQUIREMENT.**

2       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may not make a*  
3 *grant under this Act to a private operator of over-the-road*  
4 *buses until the operator has first submitted to the*  
5 *Secretary—*

6           (1) *a plan of the operator for making security*  
7 *improvements described in section 2 and the Sec-*  
8 *retary has approved the plan; and*

9           (2) *such additional information as the Secretary*  
10 *may require to ensure accountability for the obliga-*  
11 *tion and expenditure of amounts made available to*  
12 *the operator under the grant.*

13       (b) *COORDINATION.*—*An application for a grant under*  
14 *section 2 for security improvements within a terminal*  
15 *owned and operated by a port authority shall demonstrate*  
16 *to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant has*  
17 *coordinated its security plan for the terminal with the port*  
18 *authority.*

19 **SEC. 4. OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.**

20       *In this Act, the term “over-the-road bus” means a bus*  
21 *characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a*  
22 *baggage compartment.*

23 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

24       *There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary*  
25 *of Transportation to carry out this Act \$200,000,000 for*

- 1 *each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004. Such sums shall*
- 2 *remain available until expended.*

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