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H. R. 4394

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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and
Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Com-
mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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of Amtrak, and for other purposes.

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 “Amtrak Board Leader-
5 ship Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24302 of title 49, United
8 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 24302. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

2 “(a) COMPOSITION AND TERMS.—(1) The Board of
3 Directors of Amtrak is composed of the following 9 direc-
4 tors:

5 “(A) The Secretary of Transportation.

6 “(B) The President of Amtrak.

7 “(C) 7 individuals appointed by the President
8 of the United States, by and with the advice and
9 consent of the Senate, each of whom shall be a cit-
10 izen of the United States, who—

11 “(i) have general business and financial ex-
12 perience;

13 “(ii) have experience or qualifications in
14 transportation, freight and passenger rail trans-
15 portation, travel, hospitality, cruise line, or pas-
16 senger air transportation businesses; or

17 “(iii) are representatives of users of pas-
18 senger rail transportation or State government.

19 “(2) In selecting individuals under paragraph (1)(C)
20 for nominations for appointments to the Board, the Presi-
21 dent shall consult with the Speaker of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives, the minority leader of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the
24 minority leader of the Senate and try to provide adequate
25 and balanced representation of the major geographic re-
26 gions of the United States served by Amtrak.

1 “(3) The term of an individual appointed under para-
2 graph (1)(C) shall be 5 years, or until the individual’s suc-
3 cessor is appointed and qualified. Not more than 4 individ-
4 uals appointed under paragraph (1)(C) may be members
5 of the same political party.

6 “(4) The Board shall elect a chairman and a vice
7 chairman from among its membership. The vice chairman
8 shall serve as chairman in the absence of the chairman.

9 “(5) The Secretary of Transportation may be rep-
10 resented at board meetings by the Secretary’s designee.

11 “(b) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Board shall be
12 filled in the same way as the original selection, except that
13 an individual appointed by the President of the United
14 States under subsection (a)(1)(C) to fill a vacancy occur-
15 ring before the end of the term for which the predecessor
16 of that individual was appointed is appointed for the re-
17 mainder of that term. A vacancy required to be filled by
18 appointment under subsection (a)(1)(C) shall be filled not
19 later than 120 days after the vacancy occurs.

20 “(c) QUORUM.—A majority of the members serving
21 shall constitute a quorum for doing business.

22 “(d) BYLAWS.—The Board may adopt and amend by-
23 laws governing the operation of Amtrak. The bylaws shall
24 be consistent with this part and the articles of incorpora-
25 tion.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2006. The
3 members of the Amtrak Reform Board serving on the date
4 of enactment of this Act may continue to serve for the
5 remainder of the term to which they were appointed.

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