

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To convene a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee for the purpose of developing recommendations for improving the proper functioning of emergency brake signals.

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To enhance safety requirements for trains transporting hazardous materials, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. FETTERMAN)

Viz:

1 On page 26, strike line 6 and insert the following:

2 **SEC. 106. EMERGENCY BRAKE SIGNALS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
5 the Federal Railroad Administration shall convene a meet-
6 ing of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee for the
7 purpose of considering a regulatory safety task on the
8 functioning of emergency brake signals.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The Railroad Safety Advisory Com-
2 mittee shall consider—

3 (1) the sufficiency of the regulations under part
4 232 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, with
5 regard to end-of-train and head-of-train device com-
6 munications;

7 (2) whether National Transportation Safety
8 Board Safety Recommendations R-20-028 and R-20-
9 029 have been adequately addressed;

10 (3) whether more frequent communication
11 checks between a head-of-train device and an end-of-
12 train device would improve rail safety; and

13 (4) whether repetition of the emergency brake
14 signal transmission until it is received by the end-of-
15 train device would improve rail safety.

16 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS AND WORK PLAN.—Not
17 later than 90 days after the meeting is convened pursuant
18 to subsection (a), a working group of the Railroad Safety
19 Advisory Committee should—

20 (1) develop initial recommendations with re-
21 spect to the matters considered under subsection (b);
22 and

23 (2) complete a work plan for implementing such
24 recommendations.

25 **SEC. 107. DEFECT DETECTION SYSTEMS.**