

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require Amtrak to regularly report to Congress on the profits or losses relating to the provision of food and beverage service and to limit such service on Amtrak rail lines that incur losses.

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To reauthorize Amtrak, 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. COBURN

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE.**
- 3 (a) QUARTERLY REPORT.—The National Railroad
- 4 Passenger Corporation (referred to in this section as “Am-
- 5 trak”) shall submit a quarterly report to Congress and
- 6 to the Secretary of Transportation that sets forth the prof-
- 7 it or loss, as applicable, relating to the provision of food
- 8 and beverage service on each rail line operated by Amtrak.

1 (b) CONTRACT RENEGOTIATION.—If the food and
2 beverage service on a specific Amtrak rail line incurs a
3 loss in any fiscal year, Amtrak shall renegotiate any appli-
4 cable contracts relating to food and beverage service (in-
5 cluding associated labor contracts) for such rail line in an
6 effort to—

7 (1) reduce the cost of such service; and

8 (2) increase to likelihood to make a profit in
9 the following fiscal year.

10 (c) DISCONTINUANCE.—If the food and beverage
11 service on a specific Amtrak rail line incurs a loss in any
12 2 consecutive fiscal years, Amtrak shall terminate such
13 service on such rail line.

14 (d) REINSTATEMENT.—Amtrak may reinstate food
15 and beverage service that was discontinued under sub-
16 section (c) if—

17 (1) at least 1 year has elapsed since the date
18 on which such service was discontinued on the appli-
19 cable rail line;

20 (2) Amtrak submits a credible proposal to Con-
21 gress and to the Secretary of Transportation for
22 generating food and beverage service profits on such
23 rail line for each of the following 5 fiscal years; and

24 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the des-
25 ignee of the Secretary, certifies to Congress that the

1 proposal submitted under paragraph (2) will likely
2 generate food and beverage service profits on such
3 rail line for each of the following 5 fiscal years.