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109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To provide for certain cost cutting measures for Amtrak.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

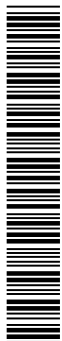
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDING.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) according to data from Amtrak’s Monthly  
6 Performance Report for October, 2004, the 5 Am-  
7 trak trains that have lost the most money (the  
8 Southwest Chief, California Zephyr, Empire Builder,



1 Coast Starlight, and Silver Star) have accounted for  
2 losses of \$274,500,000 during fiscal year 2004;

3 (2) during the last 35 years, Congressional  
4 funding support for Amtrak has amounted to rough-  
5 ly \$29,000,000,000;

6 (3) President Clinton signed into law the Am-  
7 trak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, which  
8 required Amtrak to operate without Federal sub-  
9 sidies after December, 2002; and

10 (4) according to the Department of Transpor-  
11 tation's Inspector General, eliminating sleeper cars,  
12 dining cars, onboard entertainment, lounge seating,  
13 checked bag service, and food and beverage service  
14 on Amtrak's long-distance routes could save between  
15 \$75,000,000 and \$158,000,000 per year in oper-  
16 ating costs and avoid an additional \$79,000,000 in  
17 planned annual capital expenditures, which would re-  
18 sult in savings of between \$375,000,000 and  
19 \$790,000,000 in operating expenditures and  
20 \$395,000,000 in avoidable planned capital expendi-  
21 tures over 5 years.

22 **SEC. 2. COST CUTTING MEASURES.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act, Amtrak shall—



1           (1) discontinue service on the Southwest Chief,  
2           California Zephyr, Empire Builder, Coast Starlight,  
3           and Silver Star routes;

4           (2) discontinue food and beverage service unless  
5           the revenues from such service exceed the cost of  
6           providing the service, including labor costs associ-  
7           ated with providing the service, as required by sec-  
8           tion 24305(c)(4) of title 49, United States Code;  
9           and

10          (3) eliminate sleeper cars, dining cars, lounge  
11          seating, checked baggage service, and onboard enter-  
12          tainment.

