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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6003
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
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Page 49, after line 15, insert the following new section (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 223. INTERCITY AND COMMUTER RAIL ACCESS AGREE-**
2 **MENT STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 General Accountability Office shall conduct a study of li-
5 ability and indemnity agreements governing commuter
6 and intercity passenger rail services.

7 (b) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study shall examine
8 the agreements currently governing commuter and inter-
9 city passenger rail services, and new agreements under
10 consideration, between operators of commuter rail public
11 transportation and freight railroads, operators of com-
12 muter rail public transportation and Amtrak, and Amtrak
13 and freight railroads. The study shall examine the liability
14 provisions of these agreements, including the indemnity
15 agreements in place, the historic development of these
16 agreements, how the Federal and State courts have inter-
17 preted these agreements, the financial obligations of these
18 agreements, and any concerns with these agreements as

1 voiced by operators of commuter rail public transpor-
2 tation, freight railroads, and Amtrak.

3 (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 shall submit a report containing the results of the study
6 conducted under this section to—

7 (1) the Committee on Transportation and In-
8 frastructure of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
10 Transportation of the Senate; and

11 (3) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
12 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

