

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6003**

**OFFERED BY MS. CORRINE BROWN OF FLORIDA**

Page 43, lines 3 through 16, strike paragraphs (1) through (4) and insert the following:

1           (1) identified by Amtrak as necessary to reduce  
2           congestion or facilitate ridership growth in intercity  
3           passenger rail transportation along heavily traveled  
4           rail corridors; and

Page 43, line 17, redesignate paragraph (5) as paragraph (2).

Page 49, after line 15, insert the following new sections (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

5 **SEC. 223. AMTRAK INSPECTOR GENERAL UTILIZATION**  
6 **STUDY.**

7           Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment  
8 of this Act, the Amtrak Inspector General shall transmit  
9 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
12 report on Amtrak's utilization of its facilities, including  
13 the Beech Grove Repair facility in Indiana. The report  
14 shall include an examination of Amtrak's utilization of its

1 existing facilities to determine the extent Amtrak is maxi-  
2 mizing the opportunities for each facility, including any  
3 attempts to provide maintenance and repair to other rail  
4 carriers. In developing this report, the Amtrak Inspector  
5 General shall consult with other railroad carriers as it  
6 deems appropriate.

7 **SEC. 224. AMTRAK SERVICE PREFERENCE STUDY.**

8 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment  
9 of this Act, the Surface Transportation Board shall trans-  
10 mit to the Congress a report containing—

11 (1) the findings of a study of the effectiveness  
12 of the implementation of section 24308(c) of title  
13 49, United States Code, in ensuring the preference  
14 of Amtrak service over freight transportation service;  
15 and

16 (2) recommendations with respect to any regu-  
17 latory or legislative actions that would improve such  
18 effectiveness.

Page 108, line 14, through page 109, line 5, amend  
section 503 to read as follows (and amend the table of  
contents accordingly):

19 **SEC. 503. HIGH-SPEED RAIL STUDY.**

20 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
21 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall con-  
22 duct—

1           (1) an alternatives analysis of the Secretary's  
2           December 1, 1998, extension of the designation of  
3           the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor as author-  
4           ized under section 104(d)(2) of title 23, United  
5           States Code; and

6           (2) a feasibility analysis regarding the expan-  
7           sion of the South Central High-Speed Rail Corridor  
8           to the Port of Houston, Texas.

9           These analyses shall consider changes that have occurred  
10          in the region's population, anticipated patterns of popu-  
11          lation growth, connectivity with other modes of transpor-  
12          tation, ability of the designation to reduce regional traffic  
13          congestion, and the ability of current and proposed  
14          routings to meet the needs of tourists. The Secretary shall  
15          submit recommendations to the Committee on Transpor-  
16          tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
17          and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
18          tation of the Senate and conduct a redesignation of one  
19          or both corridors if necessary.