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118TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Amtrak Trans-  
5 parency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayer  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPEN MEETINGS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
3 sion of law, the Amtrak Board of Directors shall adhere  
4 to the requirements of section 552b of title 5, United  
5 States Code, as applicable.

6 (b) NONPUBLIC COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
8 552b of title 5, United States Code, a majority of  
9 the members of the Board may hold a meeting to  
10 discuss official business that is not open to public  
11 observation if—

12 (A) no formal or informal vote or other of-  
13 ficial action is taken at the meeting; and

14 (B) each individual present at the meeting  
15 is a member or an employee of the Board.

16 (2) DISCLOSURE OF NONPUBLIC COLLABO-  
17 RATIVE DISCUSSIONS.—Except as provided under  
18 paragraph (3), not later than 2 business days after  
19 the conclusion of a meeting described in paragraph  
20 (1), the Board shall make available to the public, in  
21 a place easily accessible to the public—

22 (A) a list of the individuals present at the  
23 meeting; and

24 (B) a summary of the matters, including  
25 key issues, discussed at the meeting, except for  
26 any matter the Board properly determines may

1 be withheld from the public under section  
2 552b(c) of title 5, United States Code.

3 (3) ONGOING PROCEEDINGS.—If a meeting de-  
4 scribed in paragraph (1) directly relates to an ongo-  
5 ing proceeding before the Board, the Board shall  
6 make the disclosure required under paragraph (2)  
7 on the date on which the Board issues a final deci-  
8 sion with respect to such ongoing proceeding.

9 (c) SUMMARY OF WITHHELD MATTERS.—If the  
10 Board properly determines a matter may be withheld from  
11 the public under section 552b(c) of title 5, United States  
12 Code, the Board shall provide to the public a summary  
13 of any such matter with as much general information as  
14 possible on such matter.

15 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL BRIEFING.**

16 (a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—During the 30-day period  
17 ending on the day before the first date of each fiscal year,  
18 the Chair of the Board of Directors of Amtrak shall pro-  
19 vide a briefing to the Committee on Transportation and  
20 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the  
21 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
22 the Senate on the activities of the Board in the fiscal year  
23 in which the briefing occurs.

24 (b) CONTENT OF BRIEFING.—The briefing required  
25 under subsection (a) shall include—

- 1 (1) a description of all matters before the
- 2 Board that required a vote of the Board; and
- 3 (2) a description of matters pending before the
- 4 Board in which the Board is required to vote.