

July 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director **/RA/**  
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: SENATE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2299, TRANSPORTATION  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2002

The Senate is continuing consideration of the FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations. On July 23, 2001, Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced an amendment that would require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study, within six months of the bill's enactment, of the environmental, economic, and public health and safety risks of transporting hazardous chemicals and radioactive materials. The amendment passed 96-0. Senators Domenici (R-NM), Smith (R-NH), Durbin (D-IL) and Kennedy (D-MA) did not vote.

On July 19, after the train derailment in Baltimore, Senator Reid spoke of the situation and compared the dangers of transporting hazardous materials and nuclear waste. The statements of Senator Reid and Rep. Jim Gibbons (R-NV) are attached.

Attachments:  
As Stated

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