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House Rail Competition Legislation to Be Introduced Soon

After multiple discussions with key members of the House of Representatives and Congressional staff, there is a strong indication that House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar will be introducing the railroad competition legislation in the very near future. ARC continues to work with other interested parties to urge Chairman Oberstar to include the final offer arbitration provision in the introduced version. As soon as the bill is introduced, Meyers & Associates will provide a full analysis of the legislation.

Earlier in the spring, Chairman Oberstar joined members of the ARC Executive Committee for a luncheon and indicated that he would rely on ARC and its broad cross section of members to work with other shipper interest groups to secure co-sponsors for his legislation. ARC has actively been working with CURE (Customers United for Rail Equity) and other groups to garner broad-based support.

The Senate companion bill, Rail Competition and Service Improvement Act of 2007 (S. 953) was introduced in March. The Senate version also includes the final offer arbitration provision. ARC is actively working to secure additional sponsors of the legislation.