



Freight Rail Customer Alliance

Rail Shipper Fairness Act

FRCA Position

FRCA continues to support legislation that would build upon the reforms to the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) made by the U.S. Congress when it reauthorized the STB in 2015.

Issue Background

During the last Session of 116th Congress, Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) introduced the *Rail Shipper Fairness Act of 2020*, S. 4961, which would have built upon the reforms to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) made by Congress when it reauthorized the Board STB in 2015.

The bill would have reinforced current proceedings before the Board such as 1) implementing recommendations put forth by the STB's *Rate Review Task Force* and 2) competitive switching. Another key provision of this bill would have called upon the General Accountability Office to study and report to Congress on the industry-wide impacts of Precision Scheduling Railroading.

Status

It is anticipated that Senator Baldwin will introduce a similar bill in 2021.

The *STB Reauthorization Act of 2015* expired on Sep 30, 2020.