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H.C.R. 1040

By: Representative Willems

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ARKANSAS' CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO AMEND  
THE NATIONAL RAILROAD ACT TO RELIEVE SHORT-LINE RAILROAD  
OPERATORS FROM THE ONEROUS PROVISIONS OF THE ACT.

WHEREAS, railroad service is an important asset to any community, and should be provided within the community whenever economically feasible; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the best alternative to the abandonment of rail lines is to encourage the sale of light-density lines to lower cost short-line operators; and

WHEREAS, the National Railroad Act and the federal court decisions under that act have effectively stopped such sales, making abandonment of light-density lines more likely;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That Arkansas' Congressional delegation is hereby requested to enact legislation similar to the 1988 compromise proposal by Representative Tom Tauke which would encourage the sale of light-density railroad branch lines to short-line operators and thereby provide rail service to rural Arkansas.

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