

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require each railroad carrier to maintain a toll-free telephone service for receiving calls reporting blocked highway-rail grade crossings.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 576

To enhance safety requirements for trains transporting hazardous materials, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WARNOCK

Viz:

1 At the end of the bill, add the following:

2 **SEC. 205. RAILROAD POINT OF CONTACT FOR BLOCKED**
3 **CROSSINGS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, each railroad carrier
6 shall establish and maintain a toll-free telephone service
7 for rights-of-way over which the railroad carrier dispatches
8 trains to directly receive calls reporting blocked highway-
9 rail grade crossings.

10 (b) USE OF EXISTING NUMBER.—A railroad carrier
11 may comply with the requirement under subsection (a) by

1 using the telephone number that is being used to comply
2 with section 20152(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code.

3 (c) PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—Each railroad carrier
4 subject to this section shall notify the Secretary of the
5 telephone number referred to in subsection (a) or (b), who
6 shall post such number on a publicly-available website of
7 the Department of Transportation.

8 (d) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the require-
9 ment that the telephone service be toll-free for Class II
10 and Class III rail carriers if the Secretary determines that
11 toll-free service would be cost prohibitive or unnecessary.