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S. 301

To amend title 49, United States Code, to make technical and minor modifications to the positive train control requirements under chapter 201.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. COBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF POSITIVE TRAIN CON-**
4 **TROL.**

5 Section 20157 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “transported;” in subsection
8 (a)(1)(B) and inserting “transported on or after De-
9 cember 31, 2015;”;

1 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (c) the
2 following: “The Secretary shall also afford railroads
3 an opportunity to revise their plans as lines are
4 added or removed pursuant to subsection (a). No
5 plan shall be disapproved on grounds that the plan
6 does not cover main line track over which—

7 “(1) intercity rail passenger transportation or
8 commuter rail passenger transportation will not be
9 provided on or after December 31, 2015; or

10 “(2) poison- or toxic-by-inhalation hazardous
11 materials will not be transported on or after Decem-
12 ber 31, 2015.”; and

13 (3) by striking “systems.” in subsection (d) and
14 inserting “systems, including the ability of railroad
15 carriers to meet the December 31, 2015, deadline
16 for implementation of positive train control systems.
17 The report shall include recommendations for im-
18 proving the ability of rail carriers to implement posi-
19 tive train control systems in accordance with this
20 section.”.

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