

7 . AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Murphy OF Connecticut
OR H is DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6003, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MURPHY OF CONNECTICUT**

In title II, add at the end the following new section
(and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 225. COMMUTER RAIL EXPANSION.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress find the following:

3 (1) In 2006, Americans took 10,100,000,000
4 trips on public transportation for the first time since
5 1949.

6 (2) The Northeast region is one of the Nation's
7 largest emerging transportation "megaregions"
8 where infrastructure expansion and improvements
9 are most needed.

10 (3) New England's road traffic has increased
11 two to three times faster than its population since
12 1990.

13 (4) Connecticut has one of the Nation's longest
14 average commute times according to the United
15 States Census Bureau, and 80 percent of Con-
16 necticut commuters drive by themselves to work,
17 demonstrating the need for expanded commuter rail
18 access.

1 (5) The Connecticut Department of Transpor-
2 tation has pledged to modernize, repair, and
3 strengthen the rail line infrastructure to provide for
4 increased safety and security along a crucial trans-
5 portation corridor in the Northeast.

6 (6) Expanded New Haven-Springfield rail serv-
7 ice would improve access to Bradley International
8 Airport, one the region's busiest airports, as well as
9 to Hartford, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massa-
10 chusetts, two of the region's commercial, residential,
11 and industrial centers.

12 (7) Expanded commuter rail service on the New
13 Haven-Springfield line will result in an estimated
14 630,000 additional trips per year and 2,215,384
15 passenger miles per year, helping to curb pollution
16 and greenhouse gas production that vehicle traffic
17 would otherwise produce.

18 (8) The MetroNorth New Haven Line and
19 Shore Line East railways saw respective 3.43 per-
20 cent and 4.93 percent increases in ridership over the
21 course of 2007, demonstrating the need for ex-
22 panded commuter rail service in Connecticut.

23 (9) Expanded New Haven-Springfield com-
24 muter rail service will provide transportation nearly
25 17 times more efficient in terms of average mileage

1 versus road vehicles, alleviating road congestion and
2 providing a significant savings to consumers during
3 a time of high gas prices.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of the
5 Congress that expanded commuter rail service on the rail
6 line between New Haven, Connecticut, and Springfield,
7 Massachusetts, is an important transportation priority,
8 and Amtrak should work cooperatively with the States of
9 Connecticut and Massachusetts to enable expanded com-
10 muter rail service on such line.

11 (c) INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE REPORT.—Am-
12 trak shall submit a report to Congress and the State De-
13 partments of Transportation of Connecticut and Massa-
14 chusetts on the total cost of uncompleted infrastructure
15 maintenance on the rail line between New Haven, Con-
16 necticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts.

