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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 468

Offered January 22, 2001

Memorializing Congress in support of the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act.

Patron—Edwards

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the entire Virginia congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 United States Senators, including John W. Warner and Charles S. Robb, signed letters in support of this legislation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000 beneficiaries, including more than 21,500 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides tax relief to freight, Amtrak, and commuter lines and provides benefit improvement for surviving spouses of rail workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

WHEREAS, no contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation, all of which will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly urge the members of the 107th Congress to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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