



H.RES. 1176 – SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1176 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Corrine Brown (D-FL) on May 6, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1176 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 13, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1176 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the contribution trains make to the national transportation system;
- Urges the people of the United States to recognize such a day as an opportunity to learn more about trains; and
- Supports the goals and ideals of National Train Day as designated by Amtrak.

BACKGROUND

The Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads were joined in Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869. This event connected both coasts of the U.S. by rail, and was commemorated by the final railroad tie being completed with the use of the “golden spike.”

Amtrak celebrated May 10th as National Train Day, in recognition of the 139 years of train travel since the connecting of the Central and Union Pacific Railroads. Festivities planned for National Train Day include numerous celebrations and activities at train depots across the country, in cities such as Washington D.C, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Today, Amtrak passenger rail provides many Americans with a means to travel to nearby major cities as well as across the nation. Amtrak provides intercity rail travel to over 25 million Americans in 46 States, annually.

[National Park Service – Golden Spike website](#)

[National Train Day website](#)

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