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Midwestern Governors' Conference WHEREAS, Chicago is the railroad hub of the United States and major metropolitan areas of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin are all within the 100-500 mile range of this central city; and

Midwestern Radioactive Material Transportation Project

WHEREAS, the continued vitality of the Midwest economy depends on the availability of a modern, intermodal infrastructure to move people and goods quickly, safely and economically; and

Member Services

WHEREAS, cost-effective upgrades to existing railroads would allow for frequent, comfortable and convenient service at 110-125 mph throughout the Midwest; and

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WHEREAS, modern technology allows for intercity passenger rail development that is safer, more efficient and as timely as air or auto travel; and

WHEREAS, high speed passenger rail service is being implemented in the Northeast Corridor, and the Midwest could be positioned to be the next area in the United States where modern intercity passenger rail is established; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for coordinated action among the Midwestern states to ensure that the region receives the planning, education, advocacy and funding it needs to see this development occur; and

WHEREAS, legislators from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin have worked together through Midwestern Legislative Conference High Speed Rail Task Force for three years to determine how to assist in the development of high speed rail; and

WHEREAS, the MLC High Speed Rail Task Force concluded that a compact among the Midwestern states would best serve this purpose and spent a year developing language for the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, with input from a number of federal and state officials; and

WHEREAS, the Compact would provide the strong, unified voice needed to advocate for the funding and authorization necessary to make rail improvements a reality for the region; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Midwestern Legislative Conference endorses the ratification of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact and urges each participating state to pass enabling legislation during its 2000 session; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to Members of Congress, governors, legislative leadership, chairs of transportation committees and secretaries of transportation from the 10 Midwestern states affected by the Compact.



Fast, Timothy

From:

llene Grossman [igrossman@csg.org]

Sent:

Friday, May 04, 2001 3:35 PM

To:

'Fast, Timothy'

Cc:

Laura Kliewer (E-mail)

Subject:

RE: Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

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Four states (Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota and North Dakota) have passed the compact. The first three passed it last year, which was the first year that the compact was introduced. North Dakota is the first state to pass it this year.

Laura Kliewer in our office is the staff person who works with the MLC High Speed Rail Task Force. She is not here this afternoon, but you can reach her Monday, at 630-810-0210, if you have other questions. llene Grossman

----Original Message----

From: Fast, Timothy [mailto:Tim.Fast@legis.state.wi.us]

Sent: Friday, May 04, 2001 2:29 PM

To: igrossmn@csg.org

Subject: Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

Greetings from Madison, Wisconsin! I'm hoping that you can help me out with a question. How many states have enacted the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact into law. I've received a legislative inquiry. It's my understanding that Indiana enacted the compact a couple of years ago. I know a number of other states have introduced similar legislation.

I thank you in advance for any help you might be able to give me.

Peace, Tim Fast

Timothy Fast, Senior Legislative Attorney Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau P.O. Box 2037 Madison, WI 53701-2037 (608) 266-9739 2001

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION #.

Missouri, Minnesota, and North Dakota

1 AN ACT to create 1436 and 85067 of the statutes; relating to: ratification of the

Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact ("compact"). The purposes of the compact include promoting the development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest; coordinating interaction among elected states on passenger rail services; and supporting efforts of transportation agencies that are developing and implementing passenger rail service in the Midwest.

The compact becomes effective when it has been enacted into law by three states. Currently, the only state that has enacted the compact into law Indiana. Under the compact, Wisconsin and wen other states, including Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, are eligible to become member states.

The compact creates a midwest interstate passenger rail commission ("commission") consisting of four members from each member state, including the governor, or his or her designee, and two legislators. The compact specifies certain duties for the commission, including the duty to advocate for the funding and authorization of passenger rail improvements in the Midwest, to identify and seek partnerships to implement improved passenger rail service, and to seek development of a long-term, interstate plan for high-speed passenger rail service. The compact also authorizes the commission to take certain actions related to the promotion and implementation of passenger rail service.

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Any member state to the compact may withdraw from the compact, effective one year after passage of a state law withdrawing from the compact. Conditions for default by and termination of a compacting state are specified.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 14.86 of the statutes is created to read:

- 14.86 Midwest interstate passenger rail commission. (1) There is created a midwest interstate passenger rail commission as specified under s. 85.067 (2), consisting of the following members representing this state:
 - (a) The governor or his or her designee.
- (b) One representative to the assembly, appointed by the speaker of the assembly for a 2-year term.
 - (c) One senator appointed by the president of the senate for a 2-year term.
- (d) One member representing the private sector, appointed by the governor for the governor's term of office.
- (2) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (4) (aq) for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission has the powers and duties granted and imposed under s. 85.067.
- (3) From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (4) (aq), the department of transportation shall pay the costs of membership in and costs associated with the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact.
 - **SECTION 2.** 85.067 of the statutes is created to read:

1	85.067 Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. The Midwest
2	Interstate Passenger Rail Compact is enacted into law and entered into by this state
3	with all other states legally joining therein substantially in the following form:
4	MIDWEST INTERSTATE
5	PASSENGER RAIL COMPACT.
6	The contracting states solemnly agree:
7	(1) ARTICLE I STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. Through joint or cooperative action, the
8	purposes of this compact are to do all of the following:
9	(a) Promote development and implementation of improvements to intercity
10	passenger rail service in the midwest.
11	(b) Coordinate interaction among elected state officials in the midwest and
12	their designees on passenger rail issues.
13	(c) Promote development and implementation of long-range plans for
14	high-speed passenger rail service in the midwest and among other regions of the
15	United States.
16)	(d) Work with the public and private sectors at the federal, state and local levels
17	to ensure coordination among the various entities having an interest in passenger
18	rail service and to promote interests of the midwestern region regarding passenger
19	rail.
20	(e) Support efforts of transportation agencies that are involved in developing
21	and implementing passenger rail service in the midwest.
22	(2) ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION. A midwest interstate
23	passenger rail commission, hereinafter called "the commission", is created to carry
24	out the duties specified in this compact.

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1	(3) ARTICLE III COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP. (a) The commission shall consist of
2	4 resident members of each state as follows:
3	1. The governor or the governor's designee who shall serve during the term of
4	office of the governor, or until a successor is named;
5	2. Two legislators, one from each house (or 2 legislators from any unicameral
6	legislature), who shall serve 2-year terms, or until successors are appointed, and
7	who shall be appointed by the appropriate appointing authority in each house of the
8	legislature; and
9	3. One member of the private sector who shall be appointed by the governor and
10	shall serve during the tenure of office of the governor, or until a successor is named.
11	(am) All vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the laws of the appointing
12	states. Any commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the end of the
13	incomplete term. Each member state shall have equal voting privileges, as
14	determined by the bylaws of the commission.
1 5	(b) The manner of appointment of commission members, terms of office
16	consistent with the terms of this compact, provisions for removal and suspension,
17	and manner of appointment to fill vacancies shall be determined by each member
18	state under its laws, but each commissioner shall be a resident of the state of
19	appointment.
20	(c) All members of the commission shall serve without compensation from the
21	commission.
22	(4) ARTICLE IV POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission
23	shall perform the following duties:
24	1. Advocate for the funding and authorization necessary to make passenger rail

1	2. Identify and seek to develop ways that states can form partnerships,
2	including with rail industry and labor, to implement improved passenger rail service
3	in the region.
4	3. Seek development of a long-term, interstate plan for high-speed passenger
5	rail service implementation.
6	4. Cooperate with other agencies, regions and entities to ensure that the
7	midwest is adequately represented and integrated into national plans for passenger
8	rail development.
9	5. Adopt bylaws governing the activities and procedures of the commission,
10	including bylaws that address, among other subjects, the powers and duties of
11	officers, the voting rights of members of the commission, voting procedures,
12	commission business, and any other purposes necessary to fulfill the duties of the
13	commission.
14	6. Expend such funds as required to carry out the powers and duties of the
15	commission.
16	7. Report on the activities of the commission to the legislatures and governors
17	of the member compacting states on an annual basis.
18	(b) In addition to its exercise of the duties specified in par. (a), the commission
19	may do any of the following:
20	1. Provide multistate advocacy necessary to implement passenger rail systems
21	or plans, as approved by the commission.
22 .	2. Work with local elected officials, economic development planning
23	organizations, and similar entities to raise the visibility of passenger rail service
24	benefits and needs.

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- 4. Work with federal agency officials and members of congress to ensure the funding and authorization necessary to develop a long-term, interstate plan for high-speed passenger rail service implementation.
 - 5. Make recommendations to member states.
- 6. If requested by each state participating in a particular project and under the terms of a formal agreement approved by the participating states and the commission, implement or provide oversight for specific passenger rail projects.
 - 7. Establish an office and hire staff as necessary.
 - 8. Contract for or provide services.
 - 9. Assess dues, in accordance with the terms of this compact.
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- 11. Establish committees.
- (5) ARTICLE VOOFFICERS. The commission shall elect annually, from among its members, a chairperson, a vice chairperson who shall not be a resident of the state represented by the chairperson, and other officers as approved by the commission in its bylaws. The officers shall perform the functions and exercise the powers that are specified in the bylaws of the commission.
- (6) ARTICLE VI (5) MEETINGS AND COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION. (a) The commission shall meet at least once in each calendar year, and at such other times as may be determined by the commission.
- (b) Commission business shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures and voting rights specified in the bylaws of the commission.

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- operations of the commission that are not otherwise provided for in carrying forth its duties, responsibilities and powers as stated herein shall be appropriated to the commission by the compacting states, when authorized by the respective legislatures, by equal apportionment among the compacting states. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to commit a compacting state to participate in financing a rail project except as provided by law of that compacting state.
- (b) The commission may accept, for any of its purposes and functions, donations, gifts, grants, and appropriations of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services from the federal government, from any party state or from any department, agency, or municipality thereof, or from any institution, person, firm, or corporation.
- (c) All expenses incurred by the commission in executing the duties imposed upon it by this compact shall be paid by the commission out of the funds available to it. The commission may not issue any debt instrument. The commission shall submit to the officer designated by the laws of each party state, periodically as required by the laws of each party state, a budget of its actual past and estimated future expenditures.
- (8) ARTICLE VIII—ENACTMENT, EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENTS. (a) The states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are eligible to join this compact. Upon approval of the commission, according to its bylaws, other states may also be declared eligible to join the compact.
- (b) As to any eligible member state, the compact shall become effective when its legislature shall have enacted the same into law, except that the compact shall

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not become initially effective until enacted into law by any 3 member states incorporating the provisions of this compact into the laws of such states.

- (c) Amendments to the compact shall become effective upon their enactment by the legislatures of all compacting states.
- (9) ARTICLE IX WITHDRAWAL, DEFAULT, AND TERMINATION. (a) Withdrawal from this compact shall be by enactment of a statute repealing the same and shall take effect one year after the effective date of such statute. A withdrawing state shall be liable for any obligations that it may have incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal.
- (b) If any member state shall at any time default in the performance of any of its obligations, assumed or imposed, in accordance with the provisions of this compact, all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact or agreements hereunder shall be suspended from the effective date of such default as fixed by the commission, and the commission shall stipulate the conditions and maximum time for compliance under which the defaulting state may resume its regular status. Unless such default shall be remedied under the stipulations and within the time period set forth by the commission, this compact may be terminated with respect to such defaulting state by affirmative vote of a majority of the other commission members. Any such defaulting state may be reinstated, upon vote of the commission, by performing all acts and obligations as stipulated by the commission.
- (10) ARTICLE X CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this compact entered into hereunder shall be severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any compacting state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the

person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact entered into hereunder shall be held contrary to the constitution of any member state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. The provisions of this compact entered into pursuant hereto shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

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(1) This act takes effect on 1, 2000, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.

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ATTN: Barry Ashenfelter

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