



## 2005 SENATE RESOLUTION 13

February 14, 2006 - Introduced by Senators BROWN, JAUCH, ZIEN, HARSDORF, SCHULTZ, BRESKE and KAPANKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to support H. R. 3318, the Railroad Antitrust  
2             and Competition Enhancement Act.

3             Whereas, freight rail service in Wisconsin is vital to the health of our state's  
4     economy, with major impacts on agriculture, forest products, utilities, and  
5     manufacturing, affecting consumer pocketbooks, as well as economic development  
6     and jobs; and

7             Whereas, in 1980, when Congress deregulated most railroad activities, the  
8     United States had 40 major railroads, but today there are only 7 Class I railroads and  
9     4 of those control 90 percent of the nation's freight rail traffic; and

10            Whereas, the concentration of rail service among fewer carriers has led to more  
11     "captives shippers," customers with one railroad as their only transportation option,  
12     and has recently led to dramatically increasing transportation costs for rail service  
13     to bulk commodity industries; and

14            Whereas, the freight rail industry enjoys both freedom from extensive federal  
15     regulation and an exemption from the federal antitrust laws, creating an

