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OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND

Page 573, after line 11, add the following:

SEC. ___. TRACK SAFETY: VERTICAL TRACK DEFLECTION.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2016, the Secretary shall transmit a report to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate detailing research conducted or procured by the Federal Railroad Administration on developing a system that measures Vertical Track Deflection (in this section referred to as “VTD”) from a moving railroad car, including the ability of such a system to identify poor track support from fouled ballast, deteriorated cross ties, or other conditions.

(b) INCLUSIONS.—This report shall include—

(1) the findings and results of testing of VTD instrumentation during field trials on revenue service track;

(2) the findings and results of subsequent testing of VTD instrumentation on a Federal Railroad
Administration Automated Track Inspection Program geometry car;

(3) if considered appropriate by the Secretary based on the report and related research, a plan for developing quantitative inspection criteria for poor track support using existing VTD instrumentation on Federal Railroad Administration Automated Track Inspection Program geometry cars; and

(4) if considered appropriate by the Secretary based on the report and related research, a plan for installing VTD instrumentation on all remaining Federal Railroad Administration Automated Track Inspection Program geometry cars within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.