

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2831

To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to
establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Golden Spike 150th
5 Anniversary Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **PARK.**—The term “Park” means the Gold-
9 en Spike National Historical Park designated by sec-
10 tion 3(a).

11 (2) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means
12 the program to commemorate and interpret the

1 Transcontinental Railroad authorized under section
2 4.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
5 rector of the National Park Service.

6 (4) TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD.—The term
7 “Transcontinental Railroad” means the approxi-
8 mately 1,912-mile continuous railroad constructed
9 between 1863 and 1869 extending from Council
10 Bluffs, Iowa, to San Francisco, California.

11 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION.**

12 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Golden Spike National
13 Historic Site designated April 2, 1957, and placed under
14 the administration of the National Park Service under
15 Public Law 89–102 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 79 Stat.
16 426), shall be known and designated as the “Golden Spike
17 National Historical Park”.

18 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
19 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
20 States to the Golden Spike National Historic Site shall
21 be considered to be a reference to the “Golden Spike Na-
22 tional Historical Park”.

1 **SEC. 4. TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD COMMEMORATION**
2 **AND PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
4 retary shall establish within the National Park Service a
5 program to commemorate and interpret the Trans-
6 continental Railroad.

7 (b) STUDY.—Before establishing the Program, the
8 Secretary shall conduct a study of alternatives for com-
9 memorating and interpreting the Transcontinental Rail-
10 road that includes—

11 (1) a historical assessment of the Trans-
12 continental Railroad;

13 (2) the identification of—

14 (A) existing National Park System land
15 and affiliated areas, land managed by other
16 Federal agencies, and Federal programs that
17 may be related to preserving, commemorating,
18 and interpreting the Transcontinental Railroad;

19 (B) any properties relating to the Trans-
20 continental Railroad—

21 (i) that are designated as, or could
22 meet the criteria for designation as, Na-
23 tional Historic Landmarks; or

24 (ii) that are included, or eligible for
25 inclusion, on the National Register of His-
26 toric Places;

1 (C) any objects relating to the Trans-
2 continental Railroad that have educational, re-
3 search, or interpretative value; and

4 (D) any governmental programs and non-
5 governmental programs of an educational, re-
6 search, or interpretive nature relating to the
7 Transcontinental Railroad; and

8 (3) recommendations for—

9 (A) incorporating the resources identified
10 under paragraph (2) into the Program; and

11 (B) other appropriate ways to enhance his-
12 torical research, education, interpretation, and
13 public awareness of the Transcontinental Rail-
14 road.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
16 on which funds are made available to carry out the study
17 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to the
18 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
20 Resources of the Senate a report containing the findings
21 and recommendations of the study.

22 (d) FREIGHT RAILROAD OPERATIONS.—The Pro-
23 gram shall not include any properties that are—

24 (1) used in active freight railroad operations (or
25 other ancillary purposes); or

1 (2) reasonably anticipated to be used for freight
2 railroad operations in the future.

3 (e) ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.—In carrying out
4 the Program under this section, the Secretary—

5 (1) shall produce and disseminate appropriate
6 education materials relating to the history, construc-
7 tion, and legacy of the Transcontinental Railroad,
8 such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or
9 electronic information;

10 (2) may enter into appropriate cooperative
11 agreements and memoranda of understanding and
12 provide technical assistance to the heads of other
13 Federal agencies, States, units of local government,
14 regional governmental bodies, and private entities to
15 further the purposes of the Program and this Act;
16 and

17 (3) may—

18 (A) create and adopt an official, uniform
19 symbol or device to identify the Program; and

20 (B) issue guidance for the use of the sym-
21 bol or device created and adopted under sub-
22 paragraph (A).