

### **SAFE AMERICAN ROADS ACT (H.R. 1773)**

- Introduced by Rep. Nancy Boyda (D-Kan.) on March 29, 2007
- Restricts the Department of Transportation from allowing Mexican trucks in the United States
- Allows a pilot program for Mexican trucks in the U.S. as long as certain safety standards are implemented
- Passed the House by a 411-3 vote on May 15, 2007

### **NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK ACT (S. 1926)**

- Introduced by Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) on Aug. 1, 2007
- Establishes independent National Infrastructure Bank
- Provides for an initial \$60 billion lending authority
- All loans would be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government
- Hearings on the bill held in the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on March 11, 2008, and June 12, 2008
- House companion bill (H.R. 3401) introduced by Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) on Aug. 3, 2008

### **NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT (H.R. 3896)**

- Introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) on Oct. 18, 2007
- Establishes the National Infrastructure Development Corp., modeled on government-sponsored enterprises, to invest in secondary loans and bonds related to infrastructure
- Creates the National Infrastructure Insurance Corp. to insure certain infrastructure-related bonds and loans

### **OUR NATION'S TRADE, INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILITY AND EFFICIENCY (ON TIME) ACT (H.R. 5102)**

- Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.) on Jan. 23, 2008
- Establishes a trust fund to pay for infrastructure improvements at major ports and other centers of trade
- Authorizes \$63 billion in trust fund spending over 10 years

### **U.S. COMMISSION ON REBUILDING AMERICA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT (H.R. 5976)**

- Introduced by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) on May 6, 2008
- Establishes a commission to make recommendations on infrastructure

### **PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT (S. 294)**

- Introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) on Jan. 16, 2007
- Senate companion bill to H.R. 6003, introduced by Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.) on May 8, 2008
- House bill authorizes a \$4 billion in grants to promote intercity passenger rail and establish high-speed rail corridors
- House bill allows private operators to bid for the right to operate high-speed service in the Northeast Corridor
- Senate bill authorizes \$11.4 billion in federal subsidies for Amtrak over six years, House bill authorizes \$14.4 billion over five years.
- Senate bill reduces Amtrak's operating subsidy by 40 percent over six years while increasing capital spending
- Passed the Senate by 70-22 vote on Oct. 30, 2007
- S. 294 passed by the House with text of H.R. 6003 as substitute amendment on July 22, 2008; a House-Senate conference expected

### **RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT (S. 772)**

- Introduced by Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) on March 6, 2007
- Repeals several antitrust exemptions enjoyed by the freight railroad industry
- Provides the Federal Trade Commission and the Surface Transportation Board with new powers to regulate railroad mergers and shipping rates
- Ordered reported by voice vote from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Sept. 20, 2007
- House companion bill (H.R. 1650) introduced by Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) on March 22, 2007
- H.R. 1650 ordered reported by voice vote from the House Judiciary Committee on April 30, 2008

### **RAILROAD COMPETITION AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACT (S. 953)**

- Introduced by Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) on March 21, 2007
- Provides the Surface Transportation Board with new powers to regulate freight railroad shipping rates in regions where a single Class I railroad has a monopoly or near-monopoly
- Hearing on the bill held in the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on Oct. 23, 2007
- House companion bill (H.R. 2125) introduced by Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.) on May 3, 2007