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| **U.S. Senator Introduces Legislation to Extend Positive Train Control Deadline Beyond 2015**  United States Senator John Thune (R-SD), the Ranking Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee has [introduced legislation](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130802_PTC_Introduced.pdf) that would, if adopted into law, extend for a period of five years the current deadline of 2015 set in the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA) of 2008. Our Board-adopted policy is to fully support the current RSIA deadline of 2015. Consistent with this policy, we have opposed efforts by industry groups and legislators to extend the PTC deadline beyond 2015 and have also opposed the introduction of alternative technologies that do not provide the same safety benefits as PTC and are not interoperable with PTC. Our Government Relations staff will provide a report on this legislation for the Board’s consideration in the near future.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130802_PTC_Introduced.pdf> |
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