

CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD SIDING IN THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RETURNING

WITHOUT APPROVAL, H.R. 8466, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD SIDING IN THE VICINITY OF TAYLOR STREET, NORTHEAST, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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SEPTEMBER 22, 1961.—Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed

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*To the House of Representatives:*

I return herewith, without my approval, H.R. 8466, to authorize the construction of a railroad siding in the vicinity of Taylor Street NE., District of Columbia.

The bill authorizes the issuance of a permit to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to use a small portion of public space for the construction of a railroad siding. The siding will permit the further industrial development of land lying along the railroad's right-of-way.

Unfortunately, this area lies within the proposed right-of-way for the projected freeway, Interstate 95S, for which acquisition of the privately owned property should start in the next few years. For the Government to encourage the private development of property which it plans to acquire for public use seems inappropriate.

Business interests locating in the area might, if they are unaware of the plans for its ultimate use, be subject to dislocation and financial loss. Extensive industrial development would also unquestionably increase costs to the Federal and District Governments when the right-of-way is acquired.

The bill received only brief consideration by the Congress and there was no opportunity for some of the Federal agencies concerned with development of the District to be heard. I believe all aspects of the matter should receive the thorough consideration of the Congress.

JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 22, 1961.*

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H.R. 8466-

EIGHTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE FIRST SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT To authorize the construction of a railroad siding in the vicinity of Taylor Street Northeast, District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, subject to sections 2 and 3, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is hereby authorized to construct in the District of Columbia a single siding which shall start at a point on such company's metropolitan branch track approximately three hundred and forty feet north of the centerline of Taylor Street Northeast and shall run from such point in a southerly direction (a) across the southwest corner of the unpaved right-of-way of the southern terminus of Porto Rico Avenue, (b) under the viaduct in Taylor Street, (c) into parcel 134/99, and (d) south along parcel 134/99 to serve parcels 134/102, 134/100, 134/103, and 134/101.

SEC. 2. The siding authorized to be constructed by the first section shall cross the southwest corner of the unpaved right-of-way of the southern terminus of Porto Rico Avenue and shall pass under the viaduct in Taylor Street in accordance with plans approved in advance of such construction by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and subject to the terms and conditions of a permit by said Commissioners for the construction of said siding.

SEC. 3. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

JOHN W. McCORMACK,

*Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.*

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*

[Endorsement on back of bill:]

I certify that this Act originated in the House of Representatives

RALPH R. ROBERTS, *Clerk.*

