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Purpose: To place a time limit on the Board to complete the rail practice and rail care interchange studies and for other purposes.

**IN THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION—111TH Cong., 1ST Sess.**

**S. ———, 111TH Congress, 1ST Session**

DECMEBER 17, 2009

INTENDED to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL

Viz: Strike sections 209 and 210 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 209. RAIL PRACTICES STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—Within 3 years after the date of enact-  
3 ment of this Act, the Surface Transportation Board shall  
4 complete a study of rail practices, including switching,  
5 surcharges, penalties, demurrage, and accessorial charges.  
6 In conducting the study, the Board shall provide public  
7 notice and opportunity for comment and conduct 1 or  
8 more public hearings.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 180 days after  
10 completion of the study the Board shall provide a report  
11 to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
12 Transportation and the House of Representatives Com-

1 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure on its find-  
2 ings.

3 **SEC. 210. RAIL CAR INTERCHANGE STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Within 3 years after the date of enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Surface Transportation Board shall  
6 complete a study of rail interchange rules, including car  
7 service, interchange, and other operating rules adopted  
8 and administered by the Association of American Rail-  
9 roads and the effect of those rules on the national rail  
10 system. In conducting the study, the Board shall provide  
11 public notice and opportunity for comment and conduct  
12 1 or more public hearings.

13 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 180 days after  
14 completion of the study, the Board shall provide a report  
15 to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
16 Transportation and the House of Representatives Com-  
17 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure on its find-  
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