

Senator Gleason offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Federal Surface Transportation Board to require trains to permit the accommodation of bicycles, especially through roll-on services.

Whereas, A healthy and vital economic climate requires an efficient transportation system capable of meeting the needs of all users. Today's travelers, whether they are commuters or tourists, deserve access to all modes of transportation infrastructure. Connections between transportation modes should be seamless for all users. Commuting and tourism by bicycle would be facilitated by the accommodation of bicycles in the transfer to rail transportation. Bike-friendly policies such as short- and long-term bike parking at train stations and allowing bikes to be brought on trains would encourage bicyclists to link their trips to areas served by rail; and

Whereas, The bicycle tourism industry is booming with bike tours and events happening in or near Michigan cities accessible by rail service. Michigan tourism would benefit if bike parking was more available at train stations, and bicyclists could bring their bikes on board with roll-on service, instead of as boxed luggage; and

Whereas, Many passenger rail routes outside of Michigan currently offer roll-on bike service. They offer the option to store bikes on board in bike racks, secure bikes as checked baggage with tie-down equipment (without breaking down the bike into a box), and allow folding bicycles on board as carry-on baggage. Passenger trains in Michigan utilize the same type of equipment as more bike-friendly systems. A simple reservations system update to allow bikes on board would greatly improve the bike-to-rail trip link for commuters and tourists in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the Federal Surface Transportation Board to require trains to permit the accommodation of bicycles, especially through roll-on services; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Surface Transportation Board.