

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 467

For the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1995

Mr. BOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDING AND PURPOSE.**

4       (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that Benchmark Rail  
5       Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, satisfactorily per-  
6       formed emergency work in California after the Northridge  
7       earthquake on January 17, 1994, but has not been reim-  
8       bursed as a result of a technicality under California State  
9       law.

10       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to fairly  
11       compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., for the work for

1 which, except for the technicality under California State  
2 law, Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., would otherwise have  
3 been paid under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

5 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal  
8 Emergency Management Agency shall pay to Benchmark  
9 Rail Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, an amount equal  
10 to the total amount owed to Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.,  
11 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the  
12 State of California to compensate Benchmark Rail Group,  
13 Inc., for the emergency work and services performed at  
14 the request of the Southern California Regional Rail Au-  
15 thority, to the extent that the work and services are other-  
16 wise eligible for reimbursement under the Robert T. Staf-  
17 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The payment shall be made from  
19 funds made available to carry out the Act.

20 (b) DEOBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—The Director of the  
21 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall deobligate  
22 an amount equal to the amount obligated prior to the date  
23 of enactment of this Act for payment to the State of Cali-  
24 fornia to cover the costs of emergency work and services  
25 performed at the request of the Southern California Re-

1 gional Rail Authority by Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.,  
2 after the Northridge earthquake on January 17, 1994,  
3 that would have been eligible for reimbursement under the  
4 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
5 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

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