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H.R. 4817

A bill to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 15, 2004

In 1866, the federal government conveyed to the Union Pacific Railroad Company a right-of-way through certain land in California to facilitate the construction of a transcontinental railroad. That conveyance was subject to the condition that, if the railroad abandoned its right-of-way, full ownership of the land would revert to the federal government. Although the railroad never abandoned the original right-of-way, a small portion of it lies within the boundaries of land that has been privately owned for nearly a century. Under H.R. 4817, the federal government would relinquish its reversionary interest in the portion of the right-of-way that passes through that parcel, thereby clearing the private owner's title to the land.

Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4817 would have no impact on federal spending or revenues. H.R. 4817 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not significantly affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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