

of chapter 22 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1301 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-317, §605(b)(3), added heading and text of subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “A judgment of the special court in any action referred to in this section shall be reviewable only upon petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States. Such review is exclusive and any such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court not more than 20 days after entry of such order or judgment.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-317, §605(c)(4), struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “If the volume of civil actions under subsection (a) of this section so requires, the United States Railway Association shall apply to the judicial panel on multi-district litigation authorized by section 1407 of title 28 for the assignment of additional judges to the special court. Within 30 days after the date of such application, the panel shall assign to the special court such additional judges as may be necessary to exercise the jurisdiction described in subsection (a) of this section.”

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-352 struck out “, except that any order or judgment enjoining the enforcement, or declaring or determining the unconstitutionality or invalidity, of any provision of this subtitle shall be reviewable by direct appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States” at end of first sentence and substituted “such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court” for “petition or appeal shall be filed” in second sentence.

1986—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 99-509, §4033(c)(1)(A)(i), inserted “or part 2 of the Conrail Privatization Act” after “subtitle” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-509, §4033(c)(1)(A), inserted “or part 2 of the Conrail Privatization Act” after “subtitle” in first sentence and “or part 2 of the Conrail Privatization Act, as the case may be,” after “subtitle” in second sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-317 effective 90 days after Oct. 19, 1996, and except as otherwise provided, applicable to proceedings that arise or continue after such effective date, see section 605(e) of Pub. L. 104-317, set out as a note under section 719 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-352 effective ninety days after June 27, 1988, except that such amendment not to apply to cases pending in Supreme Court on such effective date or affect right to review or manner of reviewing judgment or decree of court which was entered before such effective date, see section 7 of Pub. L. 100-352, set out as a note under section 1254 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

CASES PENDING IN SPECIAL COURT

For applicability of amendment by Pub. L. 104-317 to cases pending in special court established under section 719(b) of this title, see section 605(d) of Pub. L. 104-317, set out as a note under section 719 of this title.

ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND SECURITIES

See section 1341 of this title.

§ 1106. Exemption from transfer taxes and fees; recordation

(a)(1) All transfers or conveyances of any interest in rail property (whether real, personal, or mixed) which are made under any provision of or amendment made by this subtitle shall be exempt from any taxes, imposts, or levies now or hereby imposed, by the United States or by any

State or any political subdivision of a State, on or in connection with such transfers or conveyances or on the recording of deeds, bills of sale, liens, encumbrances, easements, or other instruments evidencing, effectuating, or incident to any such transfers or conveyances, whether imposed on the transferor or on the transferee. Such transferors and transferees shall be entitled to record any such deeds, bills of sale, liens, encumbrances,¹ easements, or other instruments, and to record the release or removal of any preexisting liens or encumbrances of record with respect to properties so transferred or conveyed, upon payment of any appropriate and generally applicable charges to compensate for the cost of the service performed.

(2) This section shall not apply to Federal income tax laws.

(b) Transfer of designated real property (including any interest in real property) authorized by the amendments made by part 2 of this subtitle shall have the same effect for purposes of rights and priorities with respect to such property as recordation on the transfer date of appropriate deeds, or other appropriate instruments, in offices appointed under State law for such recordation, except that acquiring rail carriers and other entities shall proffer such deeds or other instruments for recordation within 36 months after the transfer date as a condition of preserving such rights and priorities beyond the expiration of that period. Conrail shall cooperate in effecting the timely preparation, execution, and proffering for recordation of such deeds and other instruments.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1153, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 677.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subtitle, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (b), is subtitle E (§§1131-1169) of title XI of Pub. L. 97-35, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 643, as amended, known as the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981. Part 2 (§§1136-1142) of subtitle E enacted sections 581 to 587, 727, 744a, and 761 to 769a of this title, amended sections 601 and 741 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 744a of this title. For complete classification of this subtitle to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1101 of this title and Tables.

§ 1107. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, § 4033(c)(1)(C)(i)(I), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1908

Section, Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1154, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 677, provided that no distribution of assets of Conrail could be made with respect to any claims of United States until all other valid claims against Conrail were satisfied or until arrangements had been made for their satisfaction.

§ 1108. Concerted economic action

(a) Strikes interfering with rail freight service of Conrail

Any person engaging in concerted economic action over disputes with Amtrak Commuter or any commuter authority shall not be entitled to engage in any strike against, or otherwise to induce any employee of, Conrail, where an effect thereof is to interfere with rail freight service provided by Conrail.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “encumbrances.”

(b) Strikes interfering with Amtrak Commuter's rail passenger service

Any person engaging in concerted economic action over disputes arising out of freight operations provided by Conrail shall not be entitled to engage in any strike against, or otherwise to induce any employee of, Amtrak Commuter or any commuter authority, where an effect thereof is to interfere with rail passenger service.

(c) Railway Labor Act deemed violated

Any concerted action in violation of this section shall be deemed to be a violation of the Railway Labor Act [45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1158, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 682.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Railway Labor Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act May 20, 1926, ch. 347, 44 Stat. 577, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 8 (§151 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 151 of this title and Tables.

§ 1109. Effectuation of cost reductions

Any cost reductions resulting from the provisions of or the amendments made by this subtitle shall not be used to limit the maximum level of any rate charged by Conrail for the provision of rail service, to limit the amount of any increase in any such rate (including rates maintained jointly by Conrail and other rail carriers), or to limit a surcharge or cancellation otherwise lawful under chapter 107¹ of title 49.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1159, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 682.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subtitle, referred to in text, is subtitle E (§§1131-1169) of title XI of Pub. L. 97-35, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 643, as amended, known as the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981. For complete classification of this subtitle to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1101 of this title and Tables.

Chapter 107 of title 49, referred to in text, was omitted and a new chapter 107 enacted in the general amendment of subtitle IV of Title 49, Transportation, by Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §102(a), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 804, 809.

§ 1110. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, § 4033(c)(1)(C)(i)(II), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1908

Section, Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1161, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 682, related to transfer of Conrail light density rail service lines.

§ 1111. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-134, title IV, § 408, Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2586

Section, Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1163, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 685; Pub. L. 99-272, title IV, §4017(a)(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 110, related to Northeast Corridor cost dispute.

§ 1112. Interstate Commerce Commission proceedings

(a) Final decisions involving railroads in bankruptcy

Notwithstanding any other provision of subtitle IV of title 49, in any proceeding before the

Commission under section 11324 or 11325 of title 49 involving a railroad in the Region, as defined in section 702 of this title, which was in a bankruptcy proceeding under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act on November 4, 1979, the Commission shall, with or without a hearing, issue a final decision within a period not to exceed 180 days after receipt of an application under either such section.

(b) Final decisions involving profitable railroads

Notwithstanding any other provision of subtitle IV of title 49, in any proceeding before the Commission under section 11324 or 11325 of title 49 involving a profitable railroad in the Region, as defined in section 702 of this title, which received a loan under section 721(a) of this title, the Commission shall, with or without a hearing, issue a final decision within a period not to exceed 180 days after receipt of an application under either such section.

(c) Interest of United States attaching in bankruptcy, liquidation, abandonment, etc.

(1) If the Secretary determines under subsection (b) of this section that there is an agreement between a profitable railroad in the Region (as defined in section 702 of this title) which received a loan under section 721(a) of this title and a prospective purchaser for the sale of such railroad, the Secretary shall limit the interest of the United States in any debt of such a railroad to an interest which attaches to such debt in the event of bankruptcy or substantial sale or liquidation of the assets of the railroad. The Secretary may substitute for the evidence of such debt contingency notes payable solely from the railroad operating assets then securing such debt, including reinvestments thereof, or such other contingency notes as the Secretary deems appropriate and which conform to the terms set forth in this subsection.

(2) If the interest of the United States is limited under paragraph (1), any new debt issued by such a railroad subsequent to the issuance of the debt described in paragraph (1) may have such higher priority in the event of bankruptcy, liquidation, or abandonment of the assets of such a railroad than the debt described in such paragraph as the Secretary and the railroad may agree.

(3) In carrying out the duties under this subsection, the Secretary may (A) enter into such agreements, (B) in accordance with any such agreements, cancel or cause to be cancelled or amend or cause to be amended any notes or securities currently held by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, and (C) accept in exchange as substitution therefor such instruments evidencing the indebtedness owed to such agencies or instrumentalities as, in the Secretary's judgment, will effectuate the purposes of this subsection.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1164, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 685; Pub. L. 97-468, title V, §510, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2554; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §331, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 953.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, referred to in subsec. (a), was classified to section 205 of former Title 11,

¹ See References in Text note below.