

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, §212, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1002.)

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

See section 1341 of this title.

§ 723. Emergency assistance pending implementation

(a) Emergency assistance

The Secretary is authorized, pending the implementation of the final system plan, to pay to the trustees of railroads in reorganization such sums as are necessary for the continued provision of essential transportation services by such railroads. Such payments shall be made by the Secretary upon such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary establishes, except that recipients must agree to maintain and provide service at a level no less than that in effect on January 2, 1974. Where the Secretary and the trustees agree that funds provided pursuant to this section are to be used (together with funds provided pursuant to section 725 of this title, if any) to perform program maintenance on designated rail properties until the date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter or to improve such designated properties, such agreement shall contain the conditions set forth in section 725(b) of this title.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$282,000,000, to remain available until expended. Of amounts authorized to be appropriated under this subsection, \$50,000,000 shall be available solely to pay to the trustees of railroads in reorganization such sums as may be necessary to provide such railroads with amounts equal to revenues attributable to tariff increases proposed by such railroads and suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission during the calendar year 1975, if the Secretary determines that such payments are necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, §213, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 94-5, §6, Feb. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 8.)

AMENDMENTS

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-5, §6(a), inserted provision that, where Secretary and trustees agree that funds provided pursuant to this section are to be used (together with funds provided pursuant to section 725 of this title, if any) to perform program maintenance on designated rail properties until date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter or to improve such designated properties, such agreement contain conditions set forth in section 725(b) of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-5, §6(b), substituted "\$282,000,000" for "\$85,000,000" and inserted provision that, of amounts authorized to be appropriated under this subsection \$50,000,000 be available solely to pay to trustees of railroads in reorganization sums necessary to provide railroads with amounts equal to revenues attributable to tariff increases proposed by railroads and suspended by Interstate Commerce Commission during calendar year 1975, if Secretary determines that payments are necessary to carry out this section.

ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND
TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise

provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 1302 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49.

§ 724. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Secretary

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for purposes of preparing the reports and exercising other functions to be performed by him under this chapter such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$12,500,000, to remain available until expended. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to discharge the obligations of the United States arising under section 743(c)(5) of this title.

(b) Office

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for the use of the Office in carrying out its functions under this chapter such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$7,000,000, to remain available until expended. The budget for the Office shall be submitted by the Commission directly to the Congress and shall not be subject to review of any kind by any other agency or official of the United States. Moneys appropriated for the Office shall not be withheld by any agency or official of the United States or used by the Commission for any purpose other than the use of the Office. No part of any other moneys appropriated to the Commission shall be withheld by any other agency or official of the United States to offset any moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection.

(c) Association

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Association for purposes of carrying out its administrative expenses under this chapter not to exceed \$13,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, and not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983. Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, §214, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 93-488, §1(c), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1464; Pub. L. 94-210, title VI, §607(m), (n), Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 97; Pub. L. 94-436, §1, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1398; Pub. L. 95-199, §1, Nov. 23, 1977, 91 Stat. 1423; Pub. L. 95-611, §1, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3089; Pub. L. 96-73, title II, §201, Sept. 29, 1979, 93 Stat. 555; Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, §704, Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1965; Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1151, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 676.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-35 substituted provisions relating to authorization of appropriations for fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1982, and 1983, for provisions relating to authorization of appropriations for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981.

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-448 substituted provision authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981, for provision authorizing appropriations of not to exceed \$28,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1980.