

(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.)

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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.)

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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.

1979—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-73 substituted appropriations authorization of \$28,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1980 for \$27,200,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979.

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-611 substituted provision authorizing appropriations of \$27,200,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979, to remain available until expended, for provision authorizing appropriations of \$23,000,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1978, to remain available until Sept. 30, 1979.

1977—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-199 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1978, of not to exceed \$23,000,000 and authorizing availability of sums to Sept. 30, 1979, for provisions authorizing appropriations for the period beginning May 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977, of not to exceed \$20,000,000 and authorizing availability of sums to Sept. 30, 1978.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-210, §607(n), inserted provision authorizing appropriation of sums to discharge the obligation of the United States under section 743(c)(5) of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-210, §607(m)(1), substituted “\$7,000,000” for “\$5,000,000”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-436 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of such sums as are necessary not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the period beginning May 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977 to remain available until Sept. 30, 1978 for provisions authorizing appropriations of such sums as are necessary not to exceed \$40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Pub. L. 94-210, §607(m)(2), authorized appropriation of not to exceed \$14,000,000 for fiscal period which includes fiscal period ending Sept. 30, 1977.

1974—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-488 substituted “\$40,000,000” for “\$26,000,000”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1169 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1101 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-448 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 710(a) of Pub. L. 96-448, set out as a note under section 1170 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-73 effective Oct. 1, 1979, see section 501(a) of Pub. L. 96-73.

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See section 1341 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Application of National Environmental Policy Act to actions of Commission not affected by title VI of Pub. L. 94-210, see section 619 of Pub. L. 94-210, set out as a note under section 791 of this title.

### § 725. Interim agreements

#### (a) Purposes

Prior to the date upon which rail properties are conveyed to the Corporation under this

chapter, the Secretary, with the approval of the Association, is authorized to enter into agreements with the trustees of the railroads in reorganization in the region (or railroads leased, operated, or controlled by railroads in reorganization)—

(1) to perform the program maintenance on designated rail properties of such railroads until the date rail properties are conveyed under this chapter;

(2) to improve rail properties of such railroads; and

(3) to acquire rail properties for lease or loan to any such railroads until the date such rail properties are conveyed under this chapter, and subsequently for conveyance pursuant to the final system plan, or to acquire interests in such rail properties owned by or leased to any such railroads or in purchase money obligations therefor.

#### (b) Conditions

Agreements pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall contain such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. In addition, agreements under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall provide that—

(1) to the extent that physical condition is used as a basis for determining, under section 716(f) or 743(c) of this title, the value of properties subject to such an agreement and designated for transfer to the Corporation under the final system plan, the physical condition of the properties on the effective date of the agreement shall be used; and

(2) in the event that property subject to the agreement is sold, leased, or transferred to an entity other than the Corporation, the trustees or railroad shall pay or assign to the Secretary that portion of the proceeds of such sale, lease, or transfer which reflects value attributable to the maintenance and improvement provided pursuant to the agreement.

#### (c) Obligations

Notwithstanding section 720(b) of this title, the Association shall issue obligations under section 720(a) of this title in an amount sufficient to finance such agreements and shall require the Corporation to assume any such obligations. The aggregate amount of obligations issued under this section and outstanding at any one time shall not exceed \$300,000,000. The Association, with the approval of the Secretary, shall designate in the final system plan that portion of such obligations issued or to be issued which shall be refinanced and the terms thereof, and that portion from which the Corporation shall be released of its obligations.

#### (d) Conveyance

The Secretary may convey to the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof, with or without receipt of consideration, any property or interests acquired by, transferred to, or otherwise held by the Secretary pursuant to this section or section 723 of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title II, §215, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1004; Pub. L. 94-5, §7, Feb. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 8; Pub. L. 94-210, title VI, §607(i), Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 97.)