

shall be final and binding on the parties thereto, and shall become a part of the agreement. Such arrangements shall also include such provisions as may be necessary—

(1) for the preservation of compensation (including subsequent general wage increases, vacation allowances, and monthly compensation guarantees), rights, privileges, and benefits (including fringe benefits such as pensions, hospitalization, and vacations, under the same conditions and so long as such benefits continue to be accorded to other employees of the employing railroad in active service or on furlough, as the case may be) to such employees under existing collective-bargaining agreements or otherwise;

(2) to provide for final and binding arbitration of any dispute which cannot be settled by the parties, with respect to the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the provisions of the protective arrangements;

(3) to provide that an employee who is unable to secure employment by the exercise of his or her seniority rights, as a result of actions taken with financial assistance obtained under this subchapter, shall be offered reassignment and, where necessary, retraining to fill a position comparable to the position held at the time of such adverse effect and for which he is, or by training and retraining can become, physically and mentally qualified, so long as such offer is not in contravention of collective bargaining agreements relating thereto; and

(4) to provide that the protection afforded pursuant to this section shall not be applicable to employees benefited solely as a result of the work which is financed by funds provided pursuant to this subchapter.

(c) Subcontracting

The arrangements which are required to be negotiated by the parties or prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section, shall include provisions regulating subcontracting by the railroads of work which is financed by funds provided pursuant to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 94-210, title V, §504, formerly §516, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 82; renumbered §504, Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, §7203(a)(5), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 477.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 93-236, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 985, as amended. Title V of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, which was classified generally to subchapter V (§771 et seq.) of chapter 16 of this title, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1144(a)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 669. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 504 of Pub. L. 94-210 was classified to section 824 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-178.

§§ 837, 838. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, § 7203(a)(2), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 477

Section 837, Pub. L. 94-210, title V, §517, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 83, related to intercity rail passenger service.

Section 838, Pub. L. 94-210, title V, §518, as added Pub. L. 102-533, §12(a), Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3521, related to Columbus and Greenville Railway.

SUBCHAPTER III—NORTHEAST CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

§ 851. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-272, § 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379

Section, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §701, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 119; Pub. L. 96-254, title II, §205, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 412, specified powers and duties of National Railroad Passenger Corporation with respect to implementing the Northeast Corridor improvement project. See sections 24102, 24305, 24315, 24902, and 24903 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 852. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, § 1188(e), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 699

Section, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §702, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 120, set forth provisions relating to the Operations Review Panel.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1981, see section 1189 of Pub. L. 97-35.

§§ 853 to 855. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-272, § 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379

Section 853, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §703, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 121; Pub. L. 95-421, §§5, 8, Oct. 5, 1978, 92 Stat. 926, 927; Pub. L. 96-254, title II, §§202, 203, 209, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 410, 414; Pub. L. 97-468, title III, §301(1), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2547; Pub. L. 99-272, title IV, §4007(d), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 108, enumerated goals of Northeast Corridor improvement project. See section 24902 of Title 49, Transportation.

Section 854, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §704, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 122; Pub. L. 94-555, title II, §217, Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2627; Pub. L. 95-421, §9, Oct. 5, 1978, 92 Stat. 928; Pub. L. 96-254, title II, §§204(a), (b), 210, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 411, 414; Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1193, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 701; Pub. L. 97-468, title III, §301(2)-(4), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2548, 2549; Pub. L. 100-342, §6, June 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 627, related to funding of Northeast Corridor improvement project. See sections 24902, 24903, 24907, and 24909 of Title 49.

Section 855, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 96-254, title II, §206(a), May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 412; amended Pub. L. 97-468, title III, §301(5), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2550, related to transfers of authority with respect to track improvements and implementation of Northeast Corridor improvement project goals. See sections 24902, 24903, and 24909 of Title 49.

§ 856. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-429, § 7(a)(1), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4388

Section, Pub. L. 94-210, title VII, §708, as added Pub. L. 102-533, §4(a), Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3516, directed Secretary to develop and report to Congress within one year after Oct. 27, 1992, on a program master plan for improvements in passenger service between Boston and New York.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 103-429, §7(a)(1), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4388, provided that the repeal by section 7(a)(1) is effective July 5, 1994.

CHAPTER 18—MILWAUKEE RAILROAD RESTRUCTURING

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§ 901. Congressional findings

(a) Congress hereby finds that—

(1) the severe operating losses and the deteriorating plant and equipment of the Milwaukee Railroad threaten to cause cessation of its operations in the near future;

(2) a cessation of operations by the Milwaukee Railroad would have serious repercussions on the economies of the States in which such railroad principally operates (the States of Washington, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin);

(3) a cessation of operations of the Milwaukee Railroad would result in the loss of many thousands of jobs of railroad workers and other workers whose employment is dependent upon rail service over the lines presently operated by the Milwaukee Railroad;

(4) experienced railroad employees make a valuable contribution toward strengthening the railroad industry; and other railroads have the ability and willingness to employ displaced employees of the Milwaukee Railroad;

(5) the ownership by employees or by employees and shippers of part or all of the Milwaukee Railroad may be a valuable tool in reorganization and should be given serious consideration;

(6) cessation of essential transportation services by the Milwaukee Railroad would endanger the public welfare;

(7) cessation of such services is imminent; and

(8) there is no other practicable means of obtaining funds to meet payroll and other expenses necessary for continuation of services and reorganization of the Milwaukee Railroad.

(b) The Congress declares that emergency measures set forth in this chapter must be taken to restructure the Milwaukee Railroad and to avoid the potential unemployment and damage to the economy of the region and of the Nation which a cessation of essential services by the Milwaukee Railroad would otherwise cause.

(Pub. L. 96-101, § 2, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 736.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 96-101, Nov. 4,

1979, 93 Stat. 736, as amended, known as the Milwaukee Railroad Restructuring Act, which enacted this chapter and amended sections 231f, 662, 721, 821, and 825 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

SHORT TITLE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 201, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2543, provided that: “This title [amending sections 797c, 907, 913, 915, 1004, 1005, 1007, 1014, and 1017 of this title, repealing section 1008 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] may be referred to as the ‘Bankrupt Railroad Service Preservation and Employee Protection Act of 1982’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-101, § 1, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 736, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter and amending sections 231f, 662, 721, 821, and 825 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Milwaukee Railroad Restructuring Act’.”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Pub. L. 97-468, title II, subtitle A, § 211, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2543, provided that: “It is the purpose of this subtitle [amending sections 915 and 1017 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] to continue the effort by Congress to assure service over the lines of rail carriers subject to liquidation in instances where rail carriers are willing to provide service over such lines and financially responsible persons are willing to purchase the lines for continued rail operations.”

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 212, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2543, provided that: “The Congress finds that—

“(1) it is necessary to establish procedures to facilitate and expedite the acquisition of rail lines of carriers subject to liquidation by financially responsible persons in instances where service is not being provided over the line by the carrier and where the financially responsible person seeks to provide rail service over the line;

“(2) procedures set forth in the amendments made by this title [see Short Title of 1983 Amendment note above] represent an exercise of the powers of the Congress under the Constitution to regulate commerce among the several States which will provide a practicable means for preserving rail service, thus benefiting shippers, employees, and the economies of the States in which such carriers subject to liquidation have operated service, and for facilitating interstate commerce, while at the same time providing safeguards to protect the interest of the estates of such carriers by requiring compensation which is not less than the constitutionally required minimum; and

“(3) it is in the public interest that the Interstate Commerce Commission’s authority to issue orders involving temporary authority to operate service over lines of carriers subject to liquidation be clarified.”

[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.]

§ 902. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(1) the term “bankruptcy court” means the court having jurisdiction over the reorganization of the Milwaukee Railroad;