

**(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 107<sup>1</sup> 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 Repealed.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 Repealed.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) 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,

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

Bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Act (act July 1, 1898, ch. 541, 30 Stat. 544, as amended) was repealed effective Oct. 1, 1979, by Pub. L. 95-598, §§ 401(a), 402(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2682, section 101 of which enacted revised Title 11. For current provisions relating to railroad reorganization, see subchapter IV (§1161 et seq.) of chapter 11 of Title 11.

#### AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 104-88 substituted “section 11324 or 11325” for “section 11344 or 11345”.

1983—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 97-468, §510(1), substituted “bankruptcy or substantial sale” for “bankruptcy, substantial sale,” after “in the event of”, and in last sentence substituted permission for the Secretary to substitute contingency notes for evidence of the debt for the requirement that the Secretary substitute contingency notes for evidence of the debt and inserted provision that the contingency notes be payable solely from the railroad operating assets then securing such debt, including reinvestments thereof, or be other contingency notes as the Secretary deems appropriate.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 97-468, §510(2), substituted permission that new debt 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 par. (1) as the Secretary and the railroad may agree for the requirement that such debt have higher priority in the event of bankruptcy, liquidation, or abandonment of the assets of Conrail than the debt described in par. (1).

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 97-468, §510(3), added par. (3).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

#### 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.

### § 1113. Intercity passenger service

#### (a) Responsibility of Conrail to provide crews terminated; negotiations for employee transfers

After January 1, 1983, Conrail shall be relieved of the responsibility to provide crews for intercity passenger service on the Northeast Corridor. Amtrak, Amtrak Commuter, and Conrail, and the employees with seniority in both freight and passenger service shall commence negotiations not later than 120 days after August 13, 1981, for the right of such employees to move from one service to the other once each six-month period. Such agreement shall ensure that Conrail, Amtrak, and Amtrak Commuter have the right to furlough one employee in the same class or craft for each employee who returns through the exercise of seniority rights. If agreement is not reached within 360 days, such matter shall be submitted to binding arbitration.

#### (b) Eligibility of employees for employee protection benefits

Conrail employees who are deprived of employment by an assumption or discontinuance of intercity passenger service by Amtrak shall be eligible for employee protection benefits under section 797<sup>1</sup> of this title, notwithstanding any other provision of law, agreement, or arrangement, and notwithstanding the inability of such employees otherwise to meet the eligibility requirements of such section. Such protection shall be the exclusive protection applicable to Conrail employees deprived of employment or adversely affected by any such assumption or discontinuance.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1165, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 686; Pub. L. 97-468, title V, §505(a), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2553.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 797 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was repealed by Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4024(c), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1904, effective on the sale date (Apr. 2, 1987).

#### CODIFICATION

“August 13, 1981”, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “the date of the enactment”, which was editorially translated as the date of the enactment of this section, as the probable intent of Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 97-468, §505(a), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### CONRAIL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYEE PROTECTION BENEFITS UNDER REGIONAL RAIL REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1973

Pub. L. 97-377, title I, §137, Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1915, provided that: “Conrail employees who are deprived of employment by assumption or discontinuance of intercity passenger service by Amtrak shall hereafter be eligible for employee protection benefits under section 701 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 797), notwithstanding any other provision of law, agreement, or arrangement, and notwithstanding the inability of such employees otherwise to meet the eligibility requirements of such section. Such protection shall be the exclusive protection applicable to Conrail employees deprived of employment or adversely affected by any such assumption or discontinuance.”

#### § 1114. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, § 4033(c)(1)(C)(i)(III), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1908

Section, Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1166, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 686, related to grant of trackage rights to any terminal railroad operating primarily in Philadelphia.

#### § 1115. Redemption of stock

For the purpose of computing the amount for which certificates of value shall be redeemable under section 746 of this title, the series B preferred stock and the common stock conveyed to the Secretary under section 1107<sup>1</sup> of this title shall be deemed to be without fair market value unless in a proceeding brought under section 1105(a)(4) of this title the special court shall have determined that such securities had a value and shall have entered a judgment against

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