

Public Law 95-199  
95th Congress

An Act

To amend the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 to authorize additional appropriations for the United States Railway Association, and for other purposes.

Nov. 23, 1977

[H.R. 4049]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 214(c) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 724(c)) is amended to read as follows:

Regional Rail  
Reorganization  
Act of 1973,  
amendment.  
Appropriation  
authorization.

“(c) ASSOCIATION.—For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Association for purposes of carrying out its administrative expenses under this Act such sums as are necessary, not to exceed \$23,000,000. Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until September 30, 1979.”.

SEC. 2. Section 202(e) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 712(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking out “ANNUAL REPORT.—The” and inserting in lieu thereof “REPORTS.—The”;

(2) by redesignating clauses (1) through (7) thereof as clauses (A) through (G), respectively; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Report to  
Congress and the  
President.

“(2) For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1977, and ending September 30, 1978, the Association shall transmit to the Congress and the President, not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter of such fiscal year, a comprehensive and detailed report on all expenditures and use of funds during the preceding fiscal quarter, including an assessment of the status of projects for such preceding fiscal quarter and a projection of activities proposed for the next fiscal quarter.”.

SEC. 3. Section 209 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 719) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Special masters,  
appointment.

“(h) SPECIAL MASTERS.—(1) The special court may appoint and fix the compensation and assign the duties of such special masters as it considers necessary or appropriate to conduct hearings, receive evidence and report thereon to the special court, and perform such other acts as the special court may require. The special court may employ such special masters by contract or otherwise, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5) or part III of title 5 of the United States Code, on such terms and conditions as it may determine. Such special masters shall not be deemed to be employees of the Federal Government or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof. The special court may also appoint employees in such number as may be approved by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and may procure such administrative services as may be necessary for it or the special masters to complete their assignments expeditiously.

Contract,  
advertisement,  
exception.

5 USC 2101 *et*  
*seq.*

“(2) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.”.

Appropriation  
authorization.

SEC. 4. Section 303(d) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 743(d)) is amended by striking out "entered pursuant to subsection (c) of this section" and inserting in lieu thereof "entered by the special court pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or section 306 of this title".

45 USC 746.

Approved November 23, 1977.

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 95-215 (Comm. on Interstate and Foreign Commerce).  
SENATE REPORT No. 95-198 accompanying S. 922 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).

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May 3, considered and passed House.

May 23, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 922.

Nov. 3, House agreed to Senate amendments with an amendment.

Nov. 4, Senate concurred in House amendment.