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AMENDMENT TO THE RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE ACT OF 1970

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 6, 1971 ----- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

introduced legislation last week to require the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to provide free or reduced-rate transportation for certain railroad employees, including retired employees, and their eligible dependents to the same extent such transportation was available to them before the existence of AMTRAK.

Dole explained that his legislation is designed to correct an oversight in the Rail Passenger Act which excluded the previous transportation provisions for retired employees.

In a statement on the Senate floor in support of the measure, Dole said:

In Kansas, one out of every ten persons is over 65 years of age, and these senior citizens who must depend on a fixed income find it increasingly difficult to meet the high cost of living. It is an accepted fact that transportation is one of the major problems confronting these senior citizens. Retired railroad employees have made a substantial contribution to building, maintaining and operating our nation's trains; and this legislation, if enacted, will afford these former railroad employees the opportunity to enjoy their leisure time and rewards of their past efforts and give them the recognition which is due them.