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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR FOLLOWING ACTION BY THE HOUSE IN PASSING THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has acted quickly,  
and favorably, on the Surface Transportation Act of 1974.

The bill, as amended during floor action, contains important  
regulatory reform, needed financial assistance and other relief  
measures for the Nation's railroads which will contribute signifi-  
cantly to the revitalization of this low cost, energy efficient mode  
of transportation.

This is an important bill; an urgent one; and a good one. I am  
greatly encouraged by the action of the House in bringing the  
Surface Transportation Act to a vote despite the pressures of time  
and other pending legislation. With the overwhelmingly favorable  
House vote on S-1149, I am hopeful that the House and Senate conferees  
will have no difficulty reaching an early accord.

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