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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE FOLLOWING SENATE
PASSAGE OF THE RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE ACT OF 1970, MAY 6, 1970.

Members of the Senate have gone on record again today with a vote that is in the best interests of the citizens of this nation. The overwhelming support they gave to the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 is proof that the chamber is responsive to the needs of a vast majority of our citizens.

All Americans should applaud their actions, and I especially want to commend members of the Commerce Committee for producing a legislative program in an appropriate and timely fashion to revive and restore a dwindling transportation service to the public.

The Senate and the Department of Transportation are in agreement that rail passenger service can and should play a major role in the nation's transportation system. This legislation sets up a public-private corporation to provide comfortable, safe, convenient and fast rail transportation for the traveling public.

I trust that members of the House of Representatives will act just as speedily and responsibly so we can get on with the business of offering Americans a full range of transportation modes.

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