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STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TAKEN ON ADMINISTRATION'S AMTRAK PLAN, MAY 1, 1979

Today's 10 to 7 vote by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee not to report out of committee an Amtrak veto resolution represents a significant victory for the transportation system and the American taxpayer.

The committee has placed national needs above regional special interests. On many Amtrak routes it would be cheaper to buy passengers first class airline tickets to their destinations than to continue the rail service. The committee has recognized this. Today's action will help the Administration's battle against inflation and aid our efforts to cut the current Amtrak system's waste in dollars and fuel.

I am also pleased that the Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee during its mark-up session this afternoon chose not to consider a resolution to veto the Administration's Amtrak plan.

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