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The President today announced his intention to nominate John E. Robson, of Chicago, Illinois, to be a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 1977. He will succeed Whitney Gilliland who has resigned. The President will designate Mr. Robson as Chairman of the Board upon his confirmation by the Senate.

Mr. Robson is currently a senior partner in the Chicago law firm of Sidley and Austin. From 1968 to 1969 he served as Under Secretary of Transportation, after having served as General Counsel from 1967 to 1968. During 1968 he had also served as Interim Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. In 1966 he was a Special Consultant to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Robson has served as Chairman of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity and was a member of the Department of Transportation's Urban Transportation Advisory Council.

Mr. Robson was born on June 21, 1920, in New York, New York. He received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1952 and his LL. B. degree from Yale University in 1955. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957.

Mr. Robson is married to the former Margaret Zuehlke and they have two children. They reside in Chicago, Illinois.

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