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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 4975 - Amtrak Improvement Act of 1975 which authorizes for the first time appropriations for capital grants to Amtrak in the amount of \$245 million; authorizes appropriations of \$873 million in assistance for operating expenses through fiscal year 1977; authorizes Amtrak to establish procedures whereby lines may be discontinued or added; requires in-transit customs inspection procedures for lines operated in international travel; and requires DOT to acquire and restore rights-of-way or tracks which are part of an Amtrak experimental route and are abandoned under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act.

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