

APPENDIX "I"

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS

MARCH 15, 1965.

The Chairman and Members of the
Standing Committee on Railways,
Canals and Telegraph Lines
House of Commons
OTTAWA, Ontario

Mrs. Rideout and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the National Legislative Committee, International Railway Brotherhoods, I wish to outline our views relative to Bill C-120.

Since 1957 we have, in our annual briefs to the Government, requested an amendment to Section 182 of the Railway Act. The historical background regarding Section 182 and other relevant sections have been placed before the Government and the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

The amendment we are seeking is intended to give application to the principle of compensation to railway employees who lose their employment or are required to change their residence as a result of changes beneficial to a railway.

This matter was referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines on June 27, 1963.

The Committee held eight hearings and heard representations from representatives of all the Railway Brotherhoods, from the Railway Companies and from Mr. Howard Chase, C.B.E., a former member of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

On the 20th December 1963, the Standing Committee reported to the House of Commons as follows:

Complying with an Order of the House, on June 27, 1963, your Committee has given consideration to the subject matter of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Railway Act (Responsibility for Dislocation Costs), and has heard evidence from representatives of the railways, from officials of various brotherhoods of railway employees, and from Mr. Howard Chase, a former member of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The Committee was favourable to the subject-matter of Bill C-15 commends it to the House and the government; and to further clarify our views on the situation relating to the subject-matter, the Committee recommends that—

The government give consideration to amending Section 182 of the Railway Act to ensure the rights of railway employees in those cases where abandonment, merger or co-ordination between railways, or the closing or near-closing of terminals and shops or the introduction of 'run-throughs' is undertaken by the management.