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**LIBERAL PARTY DISSENT**

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The Liberal members of the Committee disagreed with the majority recommendations set out above, and proposed the following:

Whereas the Truro to Sydney line is an integral part of the "national railway" system;

Whereas rail transportation between Truro and Sydney is absolutely necessary to certain industries fundamental to the economic viability of eastern Nova Scotia;

Whereas the privatization of the Truro to Sydney line would relieve the Government of Canada of any obligation to assure both the continued operation and the safe operation of rail service between Truro and Sydney;

Whereas the privatization of the Truro to Sydney line would have the effect of imposing all or almost all the responsibility for ensuring both the regulation and continued operation of the line on the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, a responsibility that Government has declined to assume;

We recommend that the National Transportation Agency consider making a determination that the privatization of the railway between Truro and Sydney would not be in the public interest.

Moreover we recommend that the Government of Canada continue to "entrust" the management and control of the Truro to Sydney line to CN, and that CN be directed to put adequate resources and personnel in place to ensure that the potential of the Truro to Sydney line is fully realized.