

**Executive Order 13060—
Establishing an Emergency Board To
Investigate Disputes Between
Amtrak and Its Employees
Represented by the Brotherhood of
Maintenance of Way Employes**

August 21, 1997

Disputes exist between Amtrak and its employees represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

These disputes have not heretofore been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) (the "Act").

In the judgement of the National Mediation Board, these disputes threaten substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree that would deprive a section of the country of essential transportation service.

Now, Therefore, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States; including section 10 of the Act (45 U.S.C. 160), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Emergency Board ("Board"). There is established, effective August 21, 1997, a Board of three members to be appointed by the President to investigate these disputes. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any railroad carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

Sec. 2. Report. The Board shall report to the President with respect to these disputes within 30 days of its creation.

Sec. 3. Maintaining Conditions. As provided by section 10 of the Act, from the date of the creation of the Board and for 30 days after the Board has submitted its report to the President, no change in the conditions out of which the disputes arose shall be made by the parties to the controversy, except by agreement of the parties.

Sec. 4. Records Maintenance. The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board's termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. Expiration. The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report provided for in sections 2 and 3 of this order.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
August 21, 1997.

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on August 25.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 17

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Block Island, RI. In the evening, they traveled to Martha's Vineyard, MA for a vacation.

August 20

The President announced his intention to nominate F. Amanda DeBusk as Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the Commerce Department.

August 21

The White House announced that the President established Presidential Emergency Board No. 234, effective August 21, to investigate and make recommendations for settlement of disputes between Amtrak and its employees represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.