The twenty-third meeting of the Committee on Transportation was called to order by Chair Henry J. Kalis on Tuesday, November 17, 1987, at 9:10 a.m. in the American Legion Hall, Barrett, Minnesota.


Others present: Bauerly

Members absent: Begich, excused, McDonald, DeBlieck, Olson, E., Jensen, Olson, V., Johnson, R., Seberg

A quorum was present.

Discussion of Railroad Abandonments and Development of Regional Rail Authorities and Short Lines was on the agenda. Testifying were:

John Ainley, Minnesota Agri-Growth Council
Ted Belzer, Dalton; TRAC Corporation, Fergus Falls
Mark Lindsey, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Wash., D.C.
Willis Croonquist, Sec.-Treas., MN Railroad Brotherhoods
Tom Speltz, Speltz Elevators Inc., Myrtle; Pres., MN Agri-Dealers Assn.
Cecil Selness, MN Deppt. of Transportation
Richard Shaw, Morton; President, MN Regional Railroad Assn.
Robert Zelenka, Exe. Dir., Farmers Ele. Assn. of MN

All responded to questions from the committee members.

Meeting adjourned 11:27 a.m.