

House of Representatives
State of Minnesota

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.

Members present:

Brown	McEachern
Carlson, D.	Richter
Dauner	Segal
Dempsey	Steensma
Frerichs	Tunheim
Haukoos	Valento
Johnson, A.	Waltman
Johnson, V.	Welle
Lasley	
Lieder	Kalis, Chair

Others present: Bauerly

Members absent:

Begich, excused	McDonald
DeBlieck	Olson, E.
Jensen	Olson, K.
Johnson, R.	Seaberg

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, Minesota Agri-Growth Council
Ted Belzer, Dalton; TRAC Corporation, Fergus Falls
Tom Cashman, Exe. V. Pres., Northwest Agri-Dealers Assn.
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 Dept. 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.



Committee Secretary



Rep. Henry J. Kalis, Chair