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TO: ALL RAIL LABOR CHIEFS

In view of the fact that Walt Barrows' nomination has been reported out of the Senate HELP Committee, it is my intent to retire from my position as the Labor Member of the Railroad Retirement Board effective September 30, 2011.

I would like to reiterate my most sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all of rail labor for its steadfast support during my tenure as the Labor Member. It has been a true privilege and pleasure working with you to keep the railroad retirement system viable and strong.

Sincerely,

V. M. Speakman, Jr.
Labor Member

cc: Ed Wytkind

