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The President today announced his nomination of Charles B. Shuman, of Sullivan, Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Railway Association for a term of two years. This is a new position created by Public Law 93-236 of January 2, 1974.

Mr. Shuman is a retired grain and livestock farmer.

The United States Railway Association was established by Public Law 93-236 of January 2, 1974, to plan and finance a new rail system for the Northeastern region of the United States. Its Board of Directors includes 11 members; the Chairman; three Government members (Secretary of Transportation, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Secretary of the Treasury, or their designees); and seven members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. On April 30, 1974, the President announced that he would nominate Arthur D. Lewis, of New Canaan, Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Board.

The seven Board members appointed by the President are made from among recommendations of: the Association of American Railroads (Mr. Aydelott), the AFL-CIO (Mr. Burke), the National Governors' Conference (Governor Scranton), the National League of Cities and United States Conference of Mayors (Mr. Blatz), financial institutions and the financial community (Mr. Payne), and two from among recommendations of shippers and organizations representative of shipping interests including small shippers (Mr. Smith, Mr. Shuman).

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