

Public Law 93-467

AN ACT

October 24, 1974
[S. 2362]

Granting the consent of Congress to the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Compact.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad Compact as agreed to by the States of Colorado and New Mexico, which compact is as follows:

Cumbres and
Toltec Scenic
Railroad Com-
pact.
Consent of Con-
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"CUMBRES AND TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD COMPACT

"The State of New Mexico and the State of Colorado, desiring to provide for the joint acquisition, ownership, and control of an interstate narrow gauge scenic railroad, known as the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, within Rio Arriba County in New Mexico and Archuleta and Conejos Counties in Colorado, to promote the public welfare by encouraging and facilitating recreation and by preserving, as a living museum for future generations, a mode of transportation that helped in the development and promotion of the territories and States, and to remove all clauses of present and future controversy between them with respect thereto, and being moved by considerations of interstate comity, have agreed upon the following articles:

"ARTICLE I

"The States of New Mexico and Colorado agree jointly to acquire, own and make provision for the operation of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad.

"ARTICLE II

"The States of New Mexico and Colorado hereby ratify and affirm the agreement of July 1, 1970, entered between the railroad authorities of the States.

"ARTICLE III

"The States of New Mexico and Colorado agree to make such amendments to the July 1, 1970, agreement and such other contracts, leases, franchises, concessions, or other agreements as may hereafter appear to both States to be necessary and proper for the control, operation, or disposition of the said railroad.

"ARTICLE IV

"The States of New Mexico and Colorado agree to the consideration of the enactment of such laws or constitutional amendments exempting the said railroad or its operations from various laws of both States as both States shall hereafter mutually find necessary and proper.

"ARTICLE V

"Nothing contained herein shall be construed so as to limit, abridge, or affect the jurisdiction or authority, if any, of the Interstate Commerce Commission over the said railroad, or the applicability, if any, of the tax laws of the United States to the said railroad or its operation."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved October 24, 1974.