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On the subject of Amtrak's on time performance and the proposed rules. I am a consistent user of Amtrak trains short and long distance. I feel that due to the fact that there already is a ruling in place for preference for Amtrak on private railroads, that all that is needed is for it to be enforced all the time. I agree with your proposed rules for on time performance except it should be enforced at each station. Some of the long distance trains are enroute for more than two days. It is imperative to cut missed connections because of freight delays on these trains. This would greatly help with Amtrak's bottom line in eliminating overnight hotel charges for passengers. With Amtrak running a train at speed it would create very few delays for freight railroads, and make train travel a viable option for more people and also eliminate much frustration on board a late train.