

## **WILLIAM CLYBURN JR. TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER**

Surface Transportation Board (Board) Chairman Linda J. Morgan announced that William Clyburn, Jr., in a private ceremony today, was sworn in as the Board's fourth member since the agency's creation in 1996. The oath of office was administered by Chairman Morgan. A public swearing-in ceremony will take place at a later date.

Commissioner Clyburn, a Democrat from South Carolina, was nominated to the Board on September 2, 1997 by President Clinton and began service through a December 18, 1998 Presidential recess appointment. President Clinton intends to resubmit Commissioner Clyburn's nomination when the 106th Congress convenes.

At the time of his appointment, Commissioner Clyburn was serving as the Commerce Counsel to Senator Chuck Robb (D-Va.). In this capacity, his primary responsibilities included advising the Senator on the policy implications of federal legislative initiatives involving transportation issues such as railroad mergers, labor concerns, appropriations for intermodal facilities, and the development of intelligent transportation systems.

Prior to joining Senator Robb, Commissioner Clyburn served as Staff Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (1993-95). From 1992 to 1993, Commissioner Clyburn served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Rodney A. Peebles of the Second Circuit Court in South Carolina.

Commissioner Clyburn received a B.S. in Ceramic Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina.

The Surface Transportation Board is a bi-partisan independent regulatory agency that was created in 1995 as the successor to the former Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). The Board adjudicates matters primarily focused on the railroad

industry such as mergers, rail line abandonments, and rate reasonableness.

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