



Transportation had a regular approp. bill and is not affected by the continuing resolution which runs out in March. They are covered til Oct. 1.

Chip tried to explain to me why the restriction of 350 miles was put on in first place; but I don't understand. It has something to do with idea that if you leave BN free to do as they wish, they will not abandon worst lines first, but will abandon better lines where people aren't too attentive first and then move to p lines. "Now BN will have to play a more honest factual game."

Mark asked ICC to send a task force to ND to explain to shippers how to appeal abandonments. "It's a pretty good system if everyone can be a player. But osme owner of a little cheese factory doesn't know anything about the ICC."

"It was a difficult issue for Mr. Andrews. He doesn't want to be put in the position of picking and choosing which lines will be abandoned."

While I was there MA called and they had a long conversation. He called him "Sir" - "Yes Sir."