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JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the settlement of the labor dispute between certain carriers by railroad and certain of their employees.

Whereas the labor dispute between the carriers represented by the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers; Sheet Metal Workers' International Association; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers functioning through the Employees' Conference Committee, labor organizations, threatens essential transportation services of the Nation; and

Whereas all the procedures for resolving such dispute under the Railway Labor Act have been exhausted; and

Whereas the representatives of all parties to this dispute reached agreement on all outstanding issues and entered into a memorandum of understanding, dated December 4, 1969; and

Whereas the terms of the memorandum of understanding, dated December 4, 1969, were ratified by the overwhelming majority of all employees voting and by a majority of employees in three out of the four labor organizations party to the dispute; and

Whereas the failure of ratification resulted from the concern of a relatively small group of workers concerning the impact of one provision of the agreement; and

Whereas this failure of ratification has resulted in a threatened nationwide cessation of essential rail transportation services; and

Whereas the memorandum of understanding, dated December 4, 1969, permits the service of notices or proposals for changes under the Railway Labor Act on September 1, 1970, to become effective on or after January 1, 1971; and

Whereas the national interest, including the national health and defense, requires that transportation services essential to interstate commerce is maintained; and

Whereas the Congress finds that an emergency measure is essential to security and continuity of transportation services: Now, therefore, be it

Railway labor dispute, settlement.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the memorandum of understanding, dated December 4, 1969, shall have the same effect (including the preclusion of resort to either strike or lockout) as though arrived at by agreement of the parties under the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) and that February 19, 1970, shall be deemed the "date of notification of ratification" as used in this memorandum of understanding.

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