

Public Law 91-203

March 4, 1970
[S. J. Res. 180]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for a temporary prohibition of strikes or lockouts with respect to the current railway labor-management dispute.

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 tentative 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 has resulted in a threatened nationwide cessation of essential rail transportation services; 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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the final paragraph of section 10 of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 160) shall apply and be extended for an additional period with respect to the disputes referred to in Executive Order No. 11486 of October 3, 1969, so that no change, except by agreement, shall be made by the carriers represented by the National Railway Labor Conference, or by their employees, in the conditions out of which such disputes arose prior to 12:01 a.m. of April 11, 1970.

Approved March 4, 1970.

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3 CFR 1969 -
Comp., p. 144.