

JOINT RESOLUTION

December 10, 1970
[H. J. Res. 1413]

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 the Eastern, Western, and Southeastern Carriers Conference Committees and certain of their employees represented by the United Transportation Union, the Brotherhood of Railway Airline and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees (BRAC), the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union threatens essential transportation services of the Nation; and

Whereas it is essential to the national interest, including the national health and defense, that essential transportation services be maintained; and

Whereas all the procedures for resolving such dispute provided for in the Railway Labor Act have been exhausted and have not resulted in settlement of the dispute; and

44 Stat. 577;
48 Stat. 1185.
45 USC 151.

Whereas the Congress finds that emergency measures are essential to security and continuity of transportation services by such carriers; and

Whereas it is desirable to achieve the objectives in a manner which preserves and prefers solutions reached through collective bargaining; and

Whereas the recommendations of Presidential Emergency Board Numbered 178 for settlement of this dispute did not result in a settlement: Now, therefore, in order to encourage these parties to reach their own agreement, 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 above dispute, so that no change, except by agreement, shall be made by the carriers represented by the National Railway Labor Conference and the Eastern, Western, and Southeastern Carriers Conference Committees or by their employees, in the conditions out of which such dispute arose prior to 12:01 antemeridian of March 1, 1971.

Railway strikes
or lockouts.
Prohibition.
44 Stat. 586.

SEC. 2. Not later than fifteen days prior to the expiration date specified in the first section of this joint resolution the President shall submit to the Congress a full and comprehensive report containing—

Report to
Congress.

(1) the progress, if any, of negotiations between the National Railway Labor Conference and the Eastern, Western, and Southeastern Carriers Conference Committees and their employees; and

(2) any such recommendations for a proposed solution of the dispute described in this joint resolution as he deems appropriate.

Pay increase,
effective date.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding the first section of this joint resolution, the rates of pay of all employees who are subject to the first section of this resolution shall be increased by 5 percent effective as of January 1, 1970, and by 32 cents per hour effective as of November 1, 1970. Nothing in this section shall prevent any change made by agreement in the increases in rates of pay provided pursuant to this section.

Approved December 10, 1970.