

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for an extension of section 10 of the Railway Labor Act with respect to the current railway labor-management dispute, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1971
[S. J. Res. 100]

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 Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen 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

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 179 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 Committees or by their employees, in the conditions out of which such dispute arose prior to 12:01 antemeridian of October 1, 1971.

Railroads.
Labor-management dispute.
44 Stat. 586.

SEC. 2. Not later than ten days prior to the expiration date specified in the first section of this joint resolution the Secretary of Labor 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.

Reports to
Congress.

SEC. 3. Not later than July 31, 1971, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Transportation shall submit jointly to the Congress as full and comprehensive a report as feasible on the impact of the current work stoppage. Such report shall include an analysis of all the recoverable and nonrecoverable losses suffered as a result of the stoppage; the extent to which rail traffic was diverted to other means of transportation, and the secondary effects on other industries and employment. Not later than July 31, 1971, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Congress as full and comprehensive a report as feasible on the impact of the current stoppage on movement of goods vital to the national defense; the extent to which rail traffic was diverted to other means of transportation and the status of plans to provide for the movement of defense articles in the event of a railroad work stoppage or lockout.

Pay rates, in-
crease.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the first section of this joint resolution, the rates of pay of all employees who are subject to the first section of this joint resolution shall be increased in accordance with the following table:

Effective as of:	Pay increase
January 1, 1970-----	5 per centum for all employees.
November 1, 1970-----	30 cents per hour for leaders and mechanics.
November 1, 1970-----	18 cents per hour for assistants and helpers.

Nothing in this section shall prevent any change made by agreement in the increases in rates of pay provided pursuant to this section.

Travel, living
quarters.

SEC. 5. It is the sense of the Congress that the living accommodations of some of the employees who are subject to the first section of this joint resolution, while they are on travel status, are unsatisfactory. Accordingly, the Congress does not intend, by limiting the effect of section 4 to rates of pay, to endorse the continued furnishing of substandard quarters to employees and urges management and labor to negotiate an agreement to provide, as soon as possible, substantially improved living quarters for employees on travel status.

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

Approved May 18, 1971.