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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S.J. Res. 184 - Regional Rail Reorganization Act Amendments. The resolution amends the Regional Rail Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-236), and the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act (Public Law 94-210), to provide legal authority for the expansion of the size and the scope of the Consolidated Rail Corporation (ConRail). This became necessary when two railroads, the Chessie System and the Southern Railway, declined to take part in the restructuring of the bankrupt railroads in the Northeast and the Midwest. The resolution increases the amount of stocks which ConRail may issue, and provides technical amendments concerning the manner of distribution of the stock. The resolution also amends the Act to permit ConRail to incorporate in another State, and clarifies Public Law 94-210 to make clear that employees of a State-owned railroad are eligible for employment protection benefits of the Act.

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