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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 15405 - the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1975. The bill appropriates \$3,237,625,000 in budget authority for fiscal year 1975 and \$50,879,000 in advance budget authority for fiscal year 1976 for the activities of the Department of Transportation, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, The Panama Canal, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The \$3,288 million in budget authority provided by the bill is \$256 million less than the \$3,545 million requested by the Administration, a reduction of nearly 7 percent.

The net effect on outlays of the specific congressional changes to the individual amounts requested is an estimated decrease of \$179 million in 1975 and \$126 million in 1976.

The following table summarizes congressional action on the 1975 appropriations by major program category:

	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>H. R. 15405</u>	<u>Congressional Change</u>
Department of Transportation	3,229,318	2,998,152	-231,166
Aviation	(1,755,200)	(1,693,439)	(-61,761)
Highways	(175,877)	(118,863)	(-57,014)
Railroads	(229,300)	(199,002)	(-30,298)
Urban Mass Transportation	(88,300)	(49,340)	(-38,960)
All others	(980,640)	(937,508)	(-43,133)
Related agencies	<u>247,662</u>	<u>239,473</u>	<u>-8,189</u>
Total (does not add due to rounding)	3,476,980	3,237,625	-239,354

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