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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.J. Res. 210 - Further Urgent Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1975. This resolution provides a total of \$143,175,000 in new budget authority. Of this amount, \$125,000,000 is for the Department of Transportation, to provide emergency interim operating assistance to railroads in reorganization; and \$18,175,000 is for the Legislative Branch, to alter, operate, and maintain an office building being transferred from GSA to the House of Representatives and to provide additional parking facilities for the Senate.

The Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to provide Federal payments to railroads being reorganized under that Act, in order to insure the continuation of essential rail services provided by the Midwest and Northeast railroads.

The \$18.2 million included in the resolution for the Legislative Branch is for the renovation, furnishing, operation, and maintenance of a building at Second and D Streets, SW, to house certain activities of the House of Representatives. The building is being transferred from GSA to the Architect of the Capitol to meet partially the need to house the growing staff of the House. Part of this growth is the result of new staffing for budget and committee reform. In addition, \$1 million is provided for temporary parking facilities and for the acquisition of property to be used as a parking site for the Senate.

Section 205 of P.L. 93-554, the First Supplemental, 1975, effected a 10 percent reduction in amounts available for travel expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 1975. This resolution contains a general provision which will repeal the travel limitation.

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