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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 1462 - Federal Railroad Safety Authorization Act of 1975 - which authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter of \$43.75 million for railroad safety and \$8.75 million for hazardous material transportation safety.

S. 1462 will authorize appropriations of \$35 million for fiscal year 1976 and \$8.75 million for the July 1-September 30, 1976 transition quarter for the Department of Transportation to carry out its duties under the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970. Those duties involve prescribing and enforcing regulations for the safe operation of railroad track, equipment, and facilities. The bill will also authorize appropriations of \$7 million for fiscal year 1976 and \$1.75 million for the transition quarter to carry out the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

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The President has signed H.R. 7405 - Payroll deductions for deposit to accounts of House and Senate employees -- which authorizes payroll deductions for deposit to certain accounts of employees of the House and Senate.

The bill will amend the law authorizing payroll deductions to define "agency" to include employees of the House and Senate. The bill will be implemented by action of the Speaker of the House and the Secretary of the Senate for employees of the respective houses at any time not later than July 1, 1976.

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