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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S.J. Res. 134 - Extending authority for direct purchase by Federal Reserve banks of United States obligations.

The Resolution extends for one year (from October 31, 1975, to October 31, 1976) the authority of Federal Reserve banks to purchase United States obligations directly from the Treasury.

The enrolled resolution will amend the Federal Reserve Act to provide for a one-year extension of the authority of Federal Reserve banks to purchase public debt obligations directly from the Treasury in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion outstanding at any one time.

This direct-purchase authority was initially enacted in 1942 and the original authority has subsequently been extended from time to time, the last extension being in 1974 for a one-year period which expired on October 31, 1975.

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