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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced the appointment of Robert G. Howlett, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel. He succeeds Jacob Seidenberg who resigned effective December 31, 1975.

The President today also announced his designation of Mr. Howlett as Chairman of the Panel.

The Panel was established by Executive Order 11491 of November 29, 1969, and consists of at least three members appointed by the President. At the present time there are six members. Mr. Howlett makes the seventh member.

When voluntary arrangements, including the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or other third-party mediation, fail to resolve a negotiation impasse, either party may request the Federal Service Impasses Panel to consider the matter. The Panel, in its discretion and under the regulations it prescribes, may consider the matter and may recommend procedures to the parties for the resolution of the impasse or may settle the impasse by appropriate action. Arbitration or third-party fact finding with recommendations to assist in the resolution of an impasse may be used by the parties only when authorized or directed by the Panel.

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