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Making further continuing appropriations for railroad retirement benefits for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR RAILROAD**
4 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated, out of
6 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
7 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
8 and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corpora-
9 tions, and other organizational units of Government for
10 fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, such amounts

1 as may be necessary, under the authority and conditions
2 provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal
3 year 1995, for continuing the following projects or activi-
4 ties including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees
5 (not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolu-
6 tion) that were conducted in fiscal year 1995:

7 All projects and activities funded under the ac-
8 count heading “Dual Benefits Payments Account”
9 under the Railroad Retirement Board.

10 (b) APPLICABLE RATE OF OPERATIONS.—

11 (1) Whenever the amount that would be made
12 available or the authority that would be granted in
13 subsection (a) is greater than the amount or author-
14 ity that would be available or granted under current
15 operations, the pertinent project or activity shall be
16 continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the
17 current rate.

18 (2) Whenever the amount that would be made
19 available or the authority that would be granted
20 under the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal
21 year 1996, as passed by the House as of the date
22 of the enactment of this joint resolution, is different
23 from the amount or authority that would be avail-
24 able or granted under such Act as passed by the
25 Senate as of the date of the enactment of this joint

1 resolution, the pertinent project or activity shall be
2 continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the
3 current rate or, if lower, the higher of the rates per-
4 mitted by the action of the House or the Senate,
5 under the authority and conditions provided in the
6 applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 1995.

7 (3) Whenever the applicable appropriations Act
8 for fiscal year 1996 has been passed by only the
9 House or only the Senate as of the date of the en-
10 actment of this joint resolution, the pertinent project
11 or activity shall be continued under the appropria-
12 tion, fund, or authority granted by the one House at
13 a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate
14 or the rate permitted by the action of the one
15 House, whichever is lower, and under the authority
16 and conditions provided in the applicable appropria-
17 tions Act for the fiscal year 1995.

18 **SEC. 2. PERIOD OF CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Unless otherwise provided for in this joint resolution
20 or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year
21 1996, appropriations and funds made available and au-
22 thority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be
23 available until whichever of the following first occurs:

1 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
2 for any project or activity provided for in this joint
3 resolution.

4 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
5 appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 without any
6 provision for such project or activity.

7 (3) September 30, 1996.

8 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.**

9 (a) EXTENT AND MANNER OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
10 Appropriations made by section 1 shall be available to the
11 extent and in the manner that would be provided by the
12 applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996.

13 (b) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PROJECTS AND AC-
14 TIVITIES.—No appropriation or funds made available or
15 authority granted pursuant to section 1 shall be used to
16 initiate or resume any project or activity for which appro-
17 priations, funds, or other authority were not available dur-
18 ing fiscal year 1995.

19 (c) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—

20 (1) No provision that is included in the applica-
21 ble appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996, but that
22 was not included in the applicable appropriations
23 Act for fiscal year 1995, and that by its terms is ap-
24 plicable to more than one appropriation, fund, or au-

1 thority shall be applicable to any appropriation,
2 fund, or authority provided in this joint resolution.

3 (2) No provision in the applicable appropria-
4 tions Act for fiscal year 1996 that makes the avail-
5 ability of any appropriation provided therein depend-
6 ent upon the enactment of additional authorizing or
7 other legislation shall be applicable to any appropria-
8 tion, fund, or authority provided in this joint resolu-
9 tion.

10 (d) **APPLICABILITY TO ALL OBLIGATIONS AND EX-**
11 **PENDITURES.**—Appropriations made and authority grant-
12 ed pursuant to this joint resolution shall cover all obliga-
13 tions or expenditures incurred for any project or activity
14 during the period for which funds or authority for such
15 project or activity are available under this joint resolution.

16 (e) **CHARGE TO APPLICABLE ACCOUNTS.**—Expendi-
17 tures made pursuant to this joint resolution shall be
18 charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or author-
19 ization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropria-
20 tion, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into
21 law.

22 (f) **APPORTIONMENT.**—Appropriations and funds
23 made available by or authority granted pursuant to this
24 joint resolution may be used without regard to the time
25 limitations for submission and approval of apportionments

1 set forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code,
2 but nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to waive
3 any other provision of law governing the apportionment
4 of funds.

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