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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 49 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: May 25, 2001 File No. 333-52902 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

		AR STE	L5,893,162 ARNS COMPANIES INC. 4 NOTES, SERIES B		
Principal Amount: \$325,000,000		Float	ting Rate Notes [x]	Book Entry Notes [x]	
Original Issue Date: 5/30/2001		Fixed	d Rate Notes []	Certificated Notes [
Maturity Date: 5/30/2002		CUSIP#: 073928UG6			
Option to Extend Maturity:		No Yes	<pre>[x] [] Final Maturity Date:</pre>		
Redempt Redeemable On Price((s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Repayment	
N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Applicable Only to Fi		otes:			
Interest Rate:					
Interest Payment Date	es:				
Applicable Only to Fl					
Interest Rate Basis:			Maximum Interest Rate: N/A		
[] Commercial Paper Rate			Minimum Interest Rate: N/A		
[] Federal Funds Rate			<pre>Interest Reset Date(s): *</pre>		
[] Treasury Rate			Interest Reset Period: Quarterly		
[] LIBOR Reuters			<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): **</pre>		
[x] LIBOR Telerate					
[] Prime Rate					
[] CMT Rate					
Initial Interest Rate: 4.05%			Interest Payment Period: Quarterly		

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Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

- * On the 30th of each August, November, February and May prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 30th of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.