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The President today announced his intention to nominate James D. Isbister, of Potomac, Maryland, to be Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This is a new position created by Public Law 93-282 of May 14, 1974.

Since 1974, Mr. Isbister has been Acting Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. During 1973-74 he was an Academic Visitor at the London School of Economics and United Kingdom Medical Research Council. From 1970 to 1973, he was Deputy Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, after serving as Executive Officer from 1967 to 1970. During 1965-67 he was Executive Officer of the National Library of Medicine. From 1963 to 1965 he was Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. During 1962-63, he was a Management Analyst for the National Institute of Health.

Mr. Isbister was born on March 31, 1937, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. He also did additional graduate work at Princeton University in 1959 and received an M.A. degree from George Washington University in 1966.

Mr. Isbister is married to the former Jenefir D. Wilkinson and they have two children.

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