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Office of the White House Press Secretary  
-----NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 9570 - Disposal of carbonyl chloride by the Defense Department. This bill authorizes the sale within the United States, and shipment incident to such sale, of the Defense Department's entire stock of the chemical substance carbonyl chloride or any of its commercial derivatives.

Carbonyl chloride is a chemical substance widely used commercially in the production of certain plastics, specialty rubber and paints. The Defense Department acquired its stocks of carbonyl chloride many years ago to serve as part of the United States chemical warfare capability. Carbonyl chloride is considered obsolete as a chemical warfare agent.

H.R. 9570, would facilitate disposal of the carbonyl chloride stocks presently stored at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal near Denver, Colorado. The bill would authorize the Secretary of Defense to dispose of Defense's entire inventory of carbonyl chloride by sale within the United States and will permit any transportation incident to such sale. The bill will not exempt the sale and transportation of carbonyl chloride from any other laws.

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The President has signed S. 611 - Southeastern University.

This bill will:

- insure the continued eligibility of Southeastern University for Federal aid to higher education by deleting a remaining reference to its prior association with the YMCA;
- insure its continued operation as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational institution under the Internal Revenue Code by requiring that, in the event of dissolution of the University, the net proceeds of all assets will be paid to a similar non-profit, tax-exempt educational institution, and
- conform to a law regarding Federal non-profit corporations by requiring that an annual audit must be conducted and a report of the audit be filed each year with the Congress.

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