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Office of the White House Press Secretary (Evansville, Indiana)

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The following information has been released by the White House Press Office in Washington:

The President has signed H.R. 7988 -- Health Research and Health Services Amendments of 1976. This bill will extend through fiscal year 1977 and increases the authorizations for the heart, lung, blood disease and national research service awards programs; modifies authorizations for the arthritis program; authorizes grants for new programs, i.e., genetic diseases and visiting scientist awards; and limits authority of FDA to regulate vitamins and minerals.

The President has signed 3. 1941 -- Animal Welfare Act. This bill increases the protection afforded animals in transit and assures the more humane treatment of certain animals.