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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 10309 which authorizes the Coast Guard to adopt, through a regulatory process, boiler and pressure vessel safety standards consistent with modern technology.

The present law was adopted in 1933. It provides that the maximum working pressure for boilers and pressure vessels be based on a safety factor of four. Since 1933 technological changes in such fields as stress analysis have led to the development of Boiler and Pressure Codes by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) which permit use of a safety factor of three.

NOTE: This is the first bill signed into law by President Ford.

Xeroxed copies of the bill are available in the press office.

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