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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 13267 - Agricultural assistance, Guam, which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation.

Pursuant to Public Law 88-584, in 1964 the Department of Agriculture was authorized to establish and maintain agricultural programs in Guam similar to those administered by Agriculture in the continental United States. However, this program was never implemented or funded, and the authorization for these activities expired in 1969.

H. R. 13267 will authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation, consistent with existing laws as administered by the Secretary which are applicable to the continental United States.

This program will be developed in cooperation with the territorial government of Guam and set forth in a memorandum of understanding agreed to by Agriculture and the territorial government. The enrolled bill will authorize such sums as may be necessary to carry out its purposes.

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