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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3320 - Weather modification which extends the authorization for a program of reporting on weather modification activities.

S. 3320 will extend the authorization for appropriation for funds to carry out a program of reporting on weather modification activities pursuant to P.L. 92-205. The program, begun in 1966 by NSF, was conducted by them until 1972. In 1972, NOAA began the present program under P.L. 92-205 which was enacted in 1971.

The authorization level in P.L. 92-205 is \$200,000 for each fiscal year. The enrolled bill will extend that same level through fiscal years 1975, 1976, and 1977. Commerce states in its views letter on the enrolled bill that their budget for fiscal year 1975 will provide \$100,000 for reporting weather modification activities and that they have recommended the same amount for fiscal year 1976.

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