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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 2220 - Repeal of "cooly trade" laws; which repeals "cooly trade" laws which are no longer necessary.

The "cooly trade" laws were enacted in 1862 and 1875 to correct the practice of exploiting Chinese, Japanese, and other "oriental persons." At that time such persons were procured abroad for importation into the United States under labor contracts. The practice violated individual rights and upset working conditions in areas to which the people were imported.

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