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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 1479, which amends the Communications Act of 1934 to change those designated as entitled to receive official notice whenever a communications common carrier files an application with the Federal Communications Commission for permission to extend its lines, discontinue or curtail existing common carrier services, or effect mergers or consolidations.

The Communications Act of 1934 requires that applications be made to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for permission to extend lines or discontinue or curtail existing service or to enter into a consolidation or merger. The Act further requires that notice of such applications be given to the Secretaries of the Army and the Navy.

The bill will provide for:

- notice of such applications to the Secretary of Defense in lieu of the Secretaries of the Army and the Navy; and
- notice to the Secretary of State of such applications where foreign policy considerations are involved.

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