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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. J. Res. 248--Compensation for nuclear-powered warship accidents--which will establish procedures for compensation for damages in foreign countries caused by nuclear incidents involving the nuclear reactor of a United States warship and thus facilitate the entry of U. S. nuclear-powered warships into foreign ports.

The bill will

- establish the policy that the U. S. will pay for bodily injury or death or damage or loss to real or personal property resulting from incidents involving reactors on U. S. warships, unless the loss results from armed hostilities or civil insurrection, and
- authorize the President to pay these claims or judgments from any contingency funds available to the Government or by certifying them to Congress for appropriation of the necessary funds.

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