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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S.J. Res. 48 - To amend the Defense Production Act -- which amends the Defense Production Act to extend the time during which the recently created National Commission on Supplies and Shortages may carry out its functions.

The Defense Production Act (DPA) was originally enacted in 1950 at the beginning of the Korean War to provide authority for the Federal Government to take the necessary steps to assure production capacity essential to the war effort. It has been extended from time to time. It was last extended until June 30, 1975 by Public Law 93-426 of September 30, 1974.

The bill will extend the Commission's authorization from June 30, 1975 to December 31, 1975, and will extend the deadline for the required initial report to June 30, 1975. Other reports can be filed until December 31, 1975. No new funds will be authorized nor will the bill necessitate that any be requested.

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