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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 1310 - Special Food Service Program for children which extends from July 1, 1975 through September 30, 1975 the Special Food Service Program for children authorized under the National School Lunch Act, and will provide for an escalator in the reimbursement rate for meals served in the 1975 summer feeding program related to changes since last summer in the food component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

S. 1310 will extend the "such sums" appropriation authorization for the Special Food Service Program for children through the 1975 summer months. Under present law, the authority for the program expires on June 30, 1975.

In addition to extending the program for the coming summer, S. 1310 will require:

-- reimbursement rates for May-September 1975 to be adjusted to reflect the change since the same months of 1974 in the food away from home series of the CPI, and

-- issuance of regulations by the Secretary of Agriculture containing reimbursement rates for the 1975 summer program no later than 10 days after enactment.

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