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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 7136 - Special Supplemental Food Program for women, infants, and children, which extends from July 1, 1975 through September 30, 1975 the Special Supplemental Food Program for women, infants, and children (WIC) authorized under the Child Nutrition Act.

H. R. 7136 will extend the basic authority and the appropriation authorization for the WIC program from their present expiration date of June 30, 1975 to September 30, 1975.

The WIC program was originally enacted in 1972 as a two-year pilot program, and was subsequently extended through fiscal year 1975. Under this program cash grants are provided to the States to make supplemental food available to pregnant women, lactating mothers, and infants and children up to 4 years of age who are determined by competent professionals to be nutritional risks because of inadequate nutrition and inadequate income. The program will be administered through State health agencies, with food delivery accomplished through health clinics, vouchers redeemable at retail food stores, or other approved methods selected by those agencies.

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The President has signed S. 326 - Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands - which increases the fiscal year 1975 appropriation authorization ceiling for civil government activities of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and authorizes certain funds for planning the transition to Commonwealth Status for the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory.

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The President has signed H. R. 4269 - Increase allowances for Congressional Delegates from Guam and the Virgin Islands - which authorizes the Delegates to the House of Representatives from Guam and the Virgin Islands to receive the same clerk hire and travel allowances as are received by members of the House of Representatives.

The recently enacted legislation providing for Delegates in the House of Representatives for Guam and the Virgin Islands authorize them to receive 60 percent of the clerk hire allowances provided members of the House and 4 annual round trips to their Islands compared with 36 round trips authorized each year for members. H. R. 4269 will authorize Delegates to receive these allowances in the same amount and to the same extent as are currently provided for members of the House.

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