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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 1401 --for the relief of Robert M. Johnston, which provides Mr. Johnston with the option of transferring to the Civil Service Retirement System his retirement coverage from July 1, 1946 through September 30, 1956 as a professor at the United States Naval Academy.

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The President has signed H.R. 543--Rehabilitation and betterment loans for certain water resource development projects, which expands existing, statutory eligibility for loans to rehabilitate and improve certain Federally constructed irrigation systems to certain other Federally constructed water resource development projects.

The Rehabilitation and Betterment Act of 1949 provides authority for the Secretary of the Interior to make rehabilitation and betterment loans to entities operating irrigation systems constructed under Federal reclamation laws. This loan authority provides a mechanism for keeping these projects in good repair and for modernizing them, where applicable, to assure the continued effective, efficient and economic operation of Federally constructed irrigation systems.

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