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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 5952--Amends Water Resources Planning Act of 1965--which revises membership of the Water Resources Council and amends certain appropriations and other authorizations relating to the work of the Council.

H. R. 5952 amends the Act to:

Remove the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare from membership on the Council and add the Secretaries of Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Increase the compensation of experts and consultants to the Council to not to exceed the daily rate for GS-18 in lieu of the presently authorized rate of \$100 per day.

Authorizes a total of \$10,000,000 in appropriations for Fiscal Years in 1976 and 1977 for preparation of assessments.

Authorizes, for Fiscal Years 1977 and 1978, appropriations of \$5,000,000 annually for grants to States to assist them in developing and participating in the development of comprehensive water and related land resources plans.

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