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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 6334 -- Peace Corps Authorization for Fiscal Year 1976 and the transition quarter -- which authorizes appropriations for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter; increases the maximum monthly allowances for Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers; and makes other amendments to the Peace Corps Act.

H. R. 6334 will amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for the Peace Corps of \$88,468,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$27,887,800 for July 1, 1976 - September 30, 1976 (the fiscal year transition quarter).

H. R. 6334 will raise from \$75 to \$125 the maximum monthly rate of the readjustment allowance for Peace Corps volunteers. The purpose of these allowances is to provide volunteers with a lump-sum payment at the completion of their volunteer service to assist them in readjusting to life in the United States after service abroad. The present maximum rate of \$75 for each month of satisfactory service was set in 1961 and has never been increased.

H. R. 6334 will also amend the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to increase from \$50 to \$75 the maximum rate of the monthly stipend set by the Director of ACTION for VISTA volunteers, which is the counterpart of the Peace Corps readjustment allowance. The bill will authorize "such additional sums as may be necessary" to carry out this amendment, effective only if specifically provided for in appropriation acts.

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