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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 240 -- General Federation of Women's Clubs. This bill makes two technical changes in law with respect to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a federally chartered private organization.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, which united women's clubs and other organizations in promoting educational, industrial, philanthropic, literary, artistic and scientific matters, received a Federal charter in 1901. Among other things, the charter limits the value of corporate property which the Federation may own to a specific amount.

S. 240 will delete the dollar limit in the charter, currently \$1,500,000, in view of this recurring problem.

In addition, the bill will add the Federation to the list of private corporations contained in Public Law 88-504, which are required to perform an annual audit and report that audit to the Congress.

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The President has signed H.R. 5197 -- to authorize foreign employment on the SEAFREEZE ATLANTIC. This bill authorizes the owner of the SEAFREEZE ATLANTIC to employ foreign citizens as crew members for service as fishermen and fish processors for a four-year period from the date of enactment. The bill will amend the United States Fishing Fleet Improvement Act which requires that only U.S. citizens and aliens legally domiciled in the U.S. ("domestic" citizens) may be employed on fishing vessels built with Federal construction subsidies.

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