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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 11027 -- Amending the effective date of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1975. This bill amends the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1975 to change the effective date for the extension of that Act from the date of enactment to November 30, 1975.

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The President has signed S. 1537 -- Defense Production Act Amendments of 1975. This bill amends the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950 and extends it until September 30, 1977.

The Defense Production Act of 1950 provides authority to the Federal Government to assure the economic mobilization of the country in a national defense emergency. These powers include diverting certain materials from civilian to military use, developing preparedness programs, and making loans to private business enterprises.

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