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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11172 -- Federal Maritime Commissioner Compensation -- which reduces the salary Congressman Robert R. Casey will receive as Federal Maritime Commissioner from \$39,900 to \$38,000, the rate in effect on January 1, 1975. Congressman Casey was serving as a Member of the House of Representatives when the Executive Salary Act took effect, increasing salary rates for members of the Commission from \$38,000 to \$39,900 a year.

The Constitution in Article I, Section 6, Clause 2 provides that:

"No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time..."

This bill is intended to remove the constitutional impediment to Congressman Casey's appointment by reducing the compensation for the Maritime Commissioner position to be held by him to that in effect on January 1, 1975, prior to the commencement of the 94th Congress. The reduced compensation would remain in effect for the duration of the 94th Congress, from January 3, 1975, until noon, January 3, 1977, or until Congressman Casey vacates the Maritime Commissioner position, whichever first occurs.

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