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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 5608 - Wetlands loan extension.

This bill extends the Wetlands Loan Act for seven years and increases the advance appropriation authorization for wetlands acquisition from the present \$105 million to \$200 million.

The bill will extend the Wetlands Loan Act for an additional seven years and increase the appropriation authorization from the present \$105 million to \$200 million. Repayment of the appropriation advances would not begin until October 1, 1983. In addition, the "Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp" would be redesignated as the "Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp." The stamp is currently sold at Post Offices, and under H.R. 5608, Interior would also be authorized to sell them.

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