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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11645 - Providing additional authorization for the Library of Congress Madison Building. This bill authorizes additional funds for the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building.

The bill will increase the appropriation authorization for the new Madison branch of the Library of Congress from \$90 million to \$123 million. Construction of the Madison building, the third structure in the Library of Congress complex, was initially authorized in 1965 at a level of \$75 million.

The President has signed H.R. 6949 - Wilma Rudolph film. This bill authorizes the Director of the United States Information Agency (USIA), under certain conditions, to make available to a United States company a copy of the USIA-produced film, "Wilma Rudolph, Olympic Champion."

Existing law generally prohibits the domestic dissemination of USIA program materials prepared for distribution abroad. The bill will provide an exception to this general prohibition by permitting the USIA Director to make available to a United States company a copy of a USIA-produced film entitled "Wilma Rudolph, Olympic Champion."

The President has signed H.R. 6184 - Compensation of referees in bankruptcy. This will increase the salary of full-time referees in bankruptcy to the maximum authorized by law and repeals the authority of the Judicial Conference to establish lower rates for these court officers.

H.R. 6184 will repeal the existing authority of the Judicial Conference to fix the salary of full-time referees in bankruptcy at a rate below the statutory maximum for such positions. It will establish the current statutory maximum of \$37,800 as the salary for these employees, subject to future adjustment under the procedures prescribed by law for executive, legislative, and judicial salaries. The bill will also provide a maximum annual salary

rate of \$18,900 for part-time referees in bankruptcy -- half that of full-time referees -- but will continue to allow these salaries to be fixed by the Judicial Conference, based on numbers and types of cases closed, and other factors.

The President has signed H. J. Res. 784 - Amending the effective date of certain Defense Production Act Amendments. This bill amends the effective date of certain provisions of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1975.

The resolution will correct a technical error in the effective date of certain provisions in the legislation extending the Defense Production Act (DPA) which was recently signed into law.

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