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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has taken action on two Acts of the District of Columbia Council which had been transmitted to the President for his review after being vetoed by the Mayor and then overridden by the Council. Such action is required under the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (the Home Rule Act), which gives the President thirty days in which to act.

The President has disapproved D.C. Enrolled Act 1-88, relating to the so-called Shop-Book Rule of evidence, on the grounds that it exceeds the authority delegated to the Council under the Home Rule Act. The President has chosen not to disapprove Act 1-87 relating to affirmative action in D.C. government employment, despite reservations.

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