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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 8089 - Per diem expenses of members of the uniformed services. This bill increases from \$25 to \$35 the maximum rate of per diem allowance for members of the uniformed services traveling on official business and increases from \$40 to \$50 the maximum reimbursement allowed under certain circumstances when actual travel expenses of such members exceed the maximum per diem rate.

The President has signed S. 3399 - Conveyance of land to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This bill authorizes and directs the General Services Administration (GSA) to convey certain land in Cambridge, Massachusetts to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The bill will authorize and direct the GSA Administrator to convey, without consideration, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a ten-acre tract in Cambridge formerly owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. This tract was donated to the United States on January 24, 1968, by the Commonwealth as a site for the John F. Kennedy Library. However, because of the Cambridge community's concern over the environmental impact of this proposed project, the Library's Board of Trustees voted not to construct the facility in Cambridge.

The President has signed H.R. 2279 - For the relief of Mrs. Louise G. Whalen. This bill authorizes payment of \$3,473 to Mrs. Louise G. Whalen in full satisfaction of her claims for death indemnity compensation she failed to receive from 1969 to 1973 because she was not given adequate notice of her right to claim such compensation.

The President has signed S. 1494 - For the relief of Paul W. Williams. This bill authorizes the Department of the Navy to receive, consider and satisfy any claim of Paul W. Williams (United States Marine Corps, retired) for retirement pay he did not receive due to administrative error.

Chief Warrant Officer Paul W. Williams was transferred to the retired list in 1955. As the result of an administrative error, however, Mr. Williams' retired pay was computed at a lesser amount than that to which he was entitled.

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