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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. J. Res. 92--Statistics for Americans of Spanish origin or descent. This bill requires various actions by Federal statistics-gathering agencies to promote the improvement and expansion of social and economic statistics relating to Americans of Spanish origin.

H. J. Res. 92 is based on findings that a large number of Americans of Spanish origin or descent suffer from poverty and discrimination, and that governmental and private organizations will be assisted in determining accurately their urgent and special needs through improved evaluation of their economic and social status. The resolution states that commitment of resources can only occur when there is an accurate and precise estimate of need.

The resolution will require:

The Department of Labor, in cooperation with the Department of Commerce, to develop methods for improving and expanding unemployment statistics relating to Americans of Spanish origin or descent.

The Departments of Commerce; Labor; Health; Education, and Welfare; and Agriculture to collect and publish regularly statistics indicating the social, health, and economic condition of such Americans.

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce and heads of other data-gathering Federal agencies, to develop a Government-wide program for collecting, analyzing, and publishing data with respect to such Americans.

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