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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. J. Res. 201 - Dredging for Operation Sail. This bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations in New York City Harbor for Operation Sail.

Operation Sail is a major Bicentennial activity and an international undertaking involving almost every four-masted sailing ship in the world plus many smaller vessels and a display and review of United States and foreign vessels.

Several of the largest ships are to be displayed at piers in waters of inadequate depth to accommodate them. To meet this problem, S. J. Res. 201 would authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to dredge these waters to a depth of eighteen feet.

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