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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 10451 -- Nuclear Career Incentive Act of 1975. This bill provides authority for a variety of bonus payments to nuclear-qualified naval officers to attract and retain sufficient numbers of high quality personnel to supervise and operate the Navy's nuclear fleet. H. R. 10451 will renew the expired bonus authorities from June 30, 1975, to September 30, 1981, and will increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 the total amount of bonus payments which may be made.

The bill will also provide authority to pay accession bonuses of not more than \$3,000 to naval officers with less than five years of commissioned service who, before September 30, 1981, have successfully completed training for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

In addition, H. R. 10451 will permit an officer serving under a current bonus agreement to exchange such agreement for one of the new agreements provided under the bill.

The bill will be effective on the first day of the first month after enactment, except for the new, annual bonus authorities which are retroactive to October 1, 1975, and expire September 30, 1981.

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