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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 13121--District of Columbia Code. This bill directs the House of Representatives Law Revision Counsel to continue to prepare and publish the District of Columbia Code through publication of Supplement V to the 1973 edition. The Council of the District of Columbia would be responsible for preparation and publication thereafter.

Public Law 93-554, approved December 27, 1974, created the Office of the Law Revision Counsel in the House of Representatives to develop and keep current a codification of U. S. laws.

The bill reinstates the House Law Revision Counsel as the agent of Congress for continuing publication of the District of Columbia Code through the remaining supplements to the 1973 edition.

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The President has signed H.J. Res. 738 - Tule elk preservation, California. This bill provides for Federal participation in the conservation and restoration of the Tule elk population in California.

The bill directs the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Defense to cooperate with the State of California in making the lands under their respective jurisdictions reasonably available for the preservation and grazing of Tule elk as may be consistent with Federal law.

H.J. Res. 738 will require the Secretary of the Interior to report annually to Congress concerning the size and condition of the Tule elk herds including the nature and condition of their habitats.

Finally, the bill will direct the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate and develop a plan for Tule elk restoration and conservation, including habitat management in California.

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The President has signed H. R. 7494--Relief of Luigi Santaniello.

The bill will authorize a visa to be issued to Luigi Santaniello and his admittance to the United States for permanent residence notwithstanding his ineligibility under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as an alien who has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude. The bill will also limit this exemption to a ground for exclusion known to the Department of State or the Department of Justice prior to enactment.

The President has signed H. R. 8695-Relief of Eugene Homsy Phillips.

The beneficiary is a 29-year-old native and citizen of Lebanon.

The bill will provide that the beneficiary be held and considered to be the natural-born son of his adoptive parents. This would permit him to enter the United States for permanent residence and rejoin his adoptive parents. In addition, the bill provides that the natural parents and siblings of the beneficiary are not accorded any special rights or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act by virtue of their relationship to the beneficiary.

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The President has signed H. R. 6093-Relief of Maria D'Arpino.

Maria D'Arpino is a 53-year-old native and citizen of Italy who is mentally retarded and illiterate. The beneficiary would like to remain in the U. S. to stay with her only close relative, her sister, who is a U. S. citizen.

H. R. 6093 will allow Miss D'Arpino to be issued a visa and granted permanent residence provided that (a) her exemption from the provisions of the INA shall apply only to a ground for exclusion on which State or Justice had knowledge prior to enactment of this bill, and (b) a bond, approved by the Attorney General, shall be posted to assure that she will not become a public charge.

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The President has signed H. R. 1425-Relief of Juliet Elizabeth Tozzi, of Bloomfield, New Jersey; H. R. 1645-Relief of Kevin Patrick Saunders, of Great Britain; H. R. 4053-Relief of Roderic Patrick Stafford, of Canada.

The bills will waive a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act which excludes aliens convicted of any drug law violation from entry into the United States, authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to the beneficiaries, and permit their admission into the United States for permanent residence if otherwise admissible under the Act.

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The President has signed H. R. 2278-Relief of Mrs. Mary Saxton (Mary Nuku); which grants the status of immediate relative to the alien widow of a United States citizen.

The beneficiary is a 34-year-old native and citizen of Tonga who currently resides in Indiana.

The President has signed H. R. 8557-Relief of Carmen Thomas, of Guyana; H. R. 10076-Relief of Mrs. Kazuko Scillion, of Japan. These bills grant immediate relative status under the Immigration and Nationality Act to widows of U. S. citizens, and thus allow them permanent residence in the United States. Because of the deaths of their husbands, they are no longer eligible for immediate relative status.

The President has signed H. R. 2941-Relief of Susan Rosemary Harwood, of England. The beneficiary was last admitted to the U. S. on August 21, 1974, as a nonimmigrant visitor.

H. R. 2941 will deem the beneficiary to have been a returning resident alien at the time of her admission to the United States on August 21, 1974.

The President has signed H. R. 7404-Relief of Christine Donnelly. H. R. 7404 will waive the residence and physical presence requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act for naturalization and allow Mrs. Donnelly to be naturalized at any time after its enactment.

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The President has signed H. R. 1394-Relief of Suk Chin and Hae Suk Chin; H. R. 1395-Relief of Mee Kyung Cho and Hee Kyung Cho; H. R. 1396-Relief of Sang Kook Chung and Hwa Soon Chung; H. R. 1397-Relief of Ae Sook Song and Mi Yun Lee.

The beneficiaries of these four bills are eight Korean children who reside with their parents in St. Lazarus Village, a community established for lepers in Korea. While their parents have leprosy, all of the children are healthy and show no signs of the disease.

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The President has signed:

- H.R. 1507 - Relief of Marisa Marzano;
- H.R. 2411 - Relief of Alinor Anvari Adams;
- H.R. 2502 - Relief of Peter Olav Mesikepp;
- H.R. 6392 - Relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen;
- H.R. 7908 - Relief of Edward Drag;
- H.R. 5500 - Relief of Rafael Strochlitz Wurzel;
- H.R. 5648 - Relief of Violetta Cebreros;
- H.R. 3372 - Relief of Tze Tsun Li;
- H.R. 2940 - Relief of Maria Sylvia Macias Elliott;
- H.R. 2495 - Relief of Miss Malgorzata Kuzniarek Czapowski;
- H.R. 2118 - Relief of Cheryl V. Camacho; and
- H.R. 7882 - Relief of Miss Leonor Young.

These bills grant immediate relative status to aliens who have been or are in the process of being adopted by United States citizens.

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The President has signed S. 1689 - Amendments to the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972. This bill authorizes appropriations for the operating and administrative expenses of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC) and for partial implementation of the Corporation's development plan.

S. 1689 authorizes \$1,300,000 for 1976, \$325,000 for the transition quarter, and \$1,500,000 each for 1977 and 1978 for the operating and administrative expenses of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC).

The bill also authorizes \$38,800,000 to commence implementation of the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan which was prepared by the PADC.

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The President has signed:

H.R. 2565 - Relief of Luisa Marillac Hughes, Marco Antonio Hughes, Maria del Cisne Hughes, Maria Augusta Hughes, Miguel Vincente Hughes, Veronica del Rocio Hughes, and Ivan Hughes;

H.R. 5052 - Relief of Yolanda E. Vez;

H.R. 6687 - Relief of Doo Hoon Park;

H.R. 11076 - Relief of Ok Ja Choi;

The four bills will define the ten beneficiaries as "children" for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and permit them status as permanent residents of the U.S., thus facilitating their adoption by U.S. citizens.

The President has signed H.R. 2399 - Relief of Leonard Alfred Brownrigg -- which permits a permanent resident alien to remain in the United States despite a conviction for possession of marihuana.

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The President has signed H.R. 14234 - Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977. This bill appropriates \$5,296,417,578 in new budget authority for 1977 and \$15,421,779 in advance 1978 budget authority for the activities of the Department of Transportation, the United States Railway Association, and Civil Aeronautics Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Panama Canal, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.

1977 Budget Authority
(in millions of dollars)

	<u>Amount provided in bill</u>	<u>1976 Appropriation</u>
Department of Transportation:		
Coast Guard.....	1,277	+174
Federal Aviation Administration.....	1,982	+56
Federal Highway Administration.....	128	+99
Federal Railroad Administration.....	963	-70
Urban Mass Transportation Administration.....	529	+252
Other, DOT.....	138	+7
United States Railway Association:		
Payments for purchase of Conrail securities.....	---	-1,061
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority:		
Federal contribution*.	7	-3
Other, related agencies.	273	+8
Total.....	<u>5,296</u>	<u>-538</u>

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