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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3052--Training for dependents of certain USDA employees. This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide orientation and language training for the families of Department of Agriculture employees who have foreign assignments.

S. 3052 will:

--become effective on October 1, 1976;

--authorize the Secretary to use foreign currencies generated under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 for training in the foreign nations to which the Department's employees and families are assigned;

--provide a specific appropriation authorization of \$50,000 annually, except that any appropriation available to the Secretary could be used for fiscal year 1977; and,

--require the Secretary to submit an annual report to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees which details the family training activities carried out under the Act.

The President has signed H. R. 11149--National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This bill amends the existing charter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to remove a \$10 million limit on real and personal property owned by the organization and to grant the organization exclusive use of the name of the Society and its emblems.

The bill amends the incorporation statute by removing the \$10 million limitation, and in its place authorize the DAR "to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of such property, real or personal, as may be convenient or necessary for its lawful purpose."

The President has signed H. R. 15193--District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1977. This bill appropriates \$1,483,903,800 for the activities of the Government of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 1977.

This bill provides Federal payments and loans of \$363,796,400 for the District of Columbia and appropriates District of Columbia funds in the amount of \$1,120,107,400. The bill provides: (1) Federal payments of \$262,504,400, and (2) Federal loans for capital improvements in the amount of \$101,292,000.

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