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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 7624 - Relief of Jacinto Vazquez Camacho. The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the admission of the alien adopted son of a U. A. citizen into the United States.

The President has signed H. R. 5503 - Relief of Divina Mahuad. The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the admission to the United States of the adopted alien child of U. S. citizens.

H. R. 5503 will waive the the two-year physical presence requirement in her behalf, permit her classification as an adopted alien child, and authorize approval of an immigrant visa for her as the immediate relative child of U. S. citizens. The bill also provides that Divina's natural parents and sublings not be accorded preferential treatment under immigration law because of their relationship to her.

The President has signed H. R. 4583 - Relief of Rosina C. Beltran, granting permanent resident immigrant status to the alien guardian of U. S. citizen children.

H. R. 4583 will grant Mrs. Beltran permanent residence in the United States upon enactment and would direct that her immigrant visa be charged against visas available to Philippines.

The President has signed S. 3734, approving the sale of 45 naval vessels to 11 foreign governments and altering current requirements for congressional approval of naval vessel sales.

Since August of 1974, Congress must approve by law the sale or transfer of any naval vessel in excess of 2,000 tons or less than 20 years.

S. 3734 is the first legislation to be enacted approving of the transfer of naval vessels since the provisions of the Byrd amendment became effective. An additional provision of S. 3734 would relax the current provision of the Byrd amendment by eliminating many smaller vessels from the legislative approval requirement.

S. 3734 authorizes the sale of vessels to the following countries:

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| Argentina | Iran |
| Republic of China | Korea |
| Colombia | Pakistan |
| Germany | Philippines |
| Greece | Spain |
| | Venezuela |