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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11337, which authorizes a mid-decade census of the population of the United States beginning in 1985, and every 10 years thereafter.

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The President has signed H.R. 13585 - Federal Boat Safety Act Amendments, which increases to 50% the maximum Federal share of State boating safety programs; limits to 5 years a manufacturer's duty to notify boat owners of safety defects; suspends enforcement of the Federal boating laws on certain waters in New Hampshire until a court decision is reached; and makes several other changes to the Federal Boat Safety Act.

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The President has signed H.R. 10826 - Prohibiting the Unlawful Use of a Rented Motor Vehicle in the District of Columbia, which permits more effective prosecution against unlawful use of rented motor vehicles in the District of Columbia.

The bill is necessary because the existing District of Columbia statute dealing with unauthorized use of motor vehicles, enacted in 1913 long before car rental abuses became a problem, has been found in several court decisions to be inadequate for prosecution of vehicle rental agreement violations.

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The President has signed S. 2923 - Revision of salary ceiling for United States magistrates, which authorizes United States magistrates to receive the same pay as referees in bankruptcy and authorizes the appointment of magistrates by the district court of the Virgin Islands.

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The President has signed H.R. 1142 - Tax Code Amendments, which provides a special tax deduction for certain care and maintenance expenditures of a cemetery "perpetual care fund"; postpones the effective date of three administrative provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 from December 31, 1976, to February 28, 1977; and amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit the deposit of certain fees into a separate account used to reimburse the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for costs incurred.

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The President has signed H.R. 1244 - Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976, which centralizes responsibility in the Secret Service for the expenditure of funds relating to the protection of the President, Vice President, their families, and other persons protected by the Secret Service; provides for reimbursement of other Federal agencies providing protection, except for the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard in the case of temporary services; establishes a limitation on expenditures for the improvements to be made to the private residences of such persons; and requires congressional committee approval of any expenditures exceeding that limitation.