

October 20, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 12033 - Duty suspension of manganese ore. This bill continues until June 30, 1979, the existing suspension of duties on manganese ores and related products.

H.R. 12033 will extend through June 30, 1979, the existing suspension of duties on manganese ores and related products.

H.R. 12033 will extend through June 30, 1979, the existing suspension of the column-1 duties on manganese ores and related products. This duty suspension is applicable only to imports from countries given most-favored-nation tariff treatment.

The President has signed S. 2910 - Arthritis, Diabetes and Digestive Disease Amendments of 1976. This amends and extends Public Health Service Act authorizations for arthritis and diabetes research activities; establishes a new study commission and an interagency coordinating committee for digestive diseases, and two new advisory boards for arthritis and diabetes.

S. 2910 will extend the arthritis demonstration projects, arthritis centers and the arthritis data system originally authorized by the National Arthritis Act of 1974 for 3 years through fiscal year 1980.

S. 2910 establishes a new National Commission on Digestive Diseases, an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Digestive Diseases, a National Arthritis Board, and a National Diabetes Advisory Board.

The National Commission on Digestive Diseases will be required to conduct a comprehensive study of digestive diseases -- their impact, the resources available to work on such diseases, and programs for improvement in the management of digestive diseases. The Commission will also develop within 18 months a long-range plan for the use of national resources to deal with digestive diseases.

S. 2910 authorizes \$1.5 million for the National Commission on Digestive Diseases and \$300,000 annually for each of the arthritis and diabetes advisory boards.

#