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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 1283 -- Jurisdiction of U.S. Magistrates, to clarify and define additional duties which may be assigned to a U.S. magistrate at the discretion of a U.S. District Court Judge. The additional duties include preliminary review of applications for posttrial relief by convicted individuals and submission of recommendations to facilitate the district court's decision on such cases.

The President has signed H.R. 15563 -- Federal Water Project Recreation Act Amendment which grants specific authority to the Tennessee Valley Authority to provide for recreational and other public uses at dams and reservoirs.

The President has signed H.R. 13828 -- Federal Records Management Amendments of 1976. This bill updates the Federal Records Management Act of 1950 to take account of the explosive growth in and cost of Government recordkeeping and the development over the past 26 years of many new technologies for the creation and handling of records. To that end, the bill revises and modernizes the Federal records management program in four principal areas: definitions; records management objectives; general responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services (GSA); and other administrative changes.

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