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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11199 -- Relief of Hollis Anthony Millet.

This bill authorizes an immigrant visa for the alien son of permanent resident aliens of the United States despite a conviction for possession of a marijuana cigarette.

H.R. 11199 will waive the provision of immigration law barring admission of aliens who have been convicted of illicit possession or trafficking in narcotic drugs or marijuana; and authorize the issuance of an immigrant visa to Mr. Millet.

H.R. 11199 will also declare that Mr. Millet is a minor in order to exempt him from the labor certification requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Finally, H.R. 11199 will establish June 27, 1974, the date on which Mr. Millet first applied for a visa, as the date on which he was first eligible to receive an immigrant visa.

The President has signed H.R. 12168 -- Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act Amendments of 1976 which authorizes appropriations of \$17.2 million for the Department of Transportation to carry out its duties relating to natural gas pipeline safety; provides for 100% Federal funding of up to three pipeline safety inspectors per State; authorizes citizens' civil court actions for alleged pipeline safety violations; and requires transporters of gas to conduct a consumer education program.

The President has signed S. 3757 -- Relief of Walter Louis Moritz Laqueur and his wife Barbara Auguste Helene Koch Laqueur, to waive the Immigration and Nationality Act's requirement for a specified period of physical presence in the United States as a condition to the naturalization of two married permanent resident aliens.

The President has signed -- S. 3050 -- Coast Guard Overseas Leasing Authority, which authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to lease housing facilities in foreign countries on a multi-year basis when needed for Coast Guard personnel.

The President has signed S. 1971 -- Terry Schrunck Plaza which will designate and name the plaza fronting the new Federal building at 1220 Southwest Third Street, Portland, Oregon, as the "Terry Schrunck Plaza".