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## Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3557 - Funding Authorization for the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation with Spain which would authorize \$36 million in FY 77 to implement the Treaty, and it makes certain other provisions regarding the Treaty.

The President has signed H.R. 13615 -- CIA Retirement Act Amendments which improves financing of the Central Intelligence Agency retirement system (CIAR), makes "catch up" benefit and other changes to parallel comparable amendments recently enacted for the Civil Service retirement system (CSR), and establishes an administrative procedure for effecting future conforming changes through Presidential action.

The President has signed H.R. 3377 -- For the Relief of Helen Wolski, Michael Wolski, and Steven Wolski which waives the 5-year time limitation for filing a claim for benefits under the Federal Employees Compensation Act to permit Mrs. Wolski to bring a claim for benefits for the death of her husband, a police officer killed in the line of duty.

The President has signed H.R. 15276 -- Federal Pay Comparability for the Park Police Force which provides the same cost-of-living adjustments in the basic compensation of the Park Police force as are given to Federal employees under the General Schedule.

The President has signed H.R. 10101 -- Aircraft Museums Tax, to exempt certain aircraft museums from Federal fuel taxes and the Federal tax on the use of civil aircraft.

The President has signed S. 2798 -- Land conveyance, Alaska which eliminates a restriction on the use of certain lands patented to the city of Yakutat, Alaska.

The President has signed H.R. 13326 -- Exempting the steamboat Delta Queen from certain vessel inspection laws. This bill exempts the steamboat Delta Queen from statutory fire safety standards through November 1, 1983.

By Public Law 90-435, the Delta Queen was afforded a two-year exemption until November 1970. By Public Law 91-612, the ship was granted another exemption until November 1, 1973. Public Law 93-106 provided another exemption until November 1, 1978. The exemption applies only to operating the vessel on overnight cruises, since the vessel meets the standards for daytime service.

The Delta Queen was built in 1928.