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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 3348, VA Exchange of Medical Information Program, to extend through fiscal year 1979, and increase, the authorization for the program of exchange of medical information between the Veterans Administration (VA) and the medical community.

H. R. 3348 will authorize appropriations of \$4.0 million annually for fiscal years 1977 through 1979, and will also provide that fees collected by VA for furnishing medical information to the medical community be credited to the applicable VA appropriation instead of being deposited directly to the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

The President has signed S. 2004, for Land conveyance in Oklahoma.

This bill eliminates a restriction on the use of certain lands patented to the city of Hobart, Oklahoma.

On January 23, 1929, the United States issued a patent to the city of Hobart, Oklahoma, for two tracts of land containing 5.88 acres, identified as Blocks 10 and 52 on the plat of the Hobart Townsite, subject to the condition that such property be reserved for school purposes.

Subsequently, the city of Hobart notified the Department of the Interior that Block 10 is no longer being used for educational purposes, and that a school formerly located on the property was torn down in 1966 leaving the area vacant.

The enrolled bill would enable the Board of Education to obtain an alternative school site by authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Hobart, all remaining right, title, and interest of the United States in Block 10.

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