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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Andrea Kane ( CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 08:42:14.00

SUBJECT: TANF Rule Follow-Up

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here's info on one of the questions you asked re:definition of assistance. We're working on others. We're also checking w/ HHS whether there is anything more up to date on the info below. In the meantime, bottom line is there's very little subsidized employment going on, though a significant amount of workfare (with about 1/3 of it concentrated in NY).

How much subsidized employment is happening?

FY 1997 TANF data (the latest available) shows that of the 520,000 total participants counting toward the work rates, 68% (354,000) were in unsubsidized employment, 1% (5,200) were in private or public subsidized employment, and 17% (90,000) were in work experience or community service. The remainder were in job search, education or training. The major users of subsidized employment--which we would exclude from assistance-- were NY (1,483), MO (663), and OR (462). The major users of work experience/community service--which we would include in assistance-- were NY (28,000), NJ (11,000), NC (11,000), OH (8,812), MA (3,000), and WI (3,000).

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth R. Newman ( CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 09:20:14.00

SUBJECT: guidance today

TO: Devorah R. Adler ( CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christopher C. Jennings ( CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. ( CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Medicare

Patients' Bill of Rights

Police Brutality (assume i will recycle - this is in light of the Rangel protest)

Tobacco

Please have guidance in by 11:00am at the latest - thanks

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CREATOR: Sean P. Maloney ( CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 09:25:01.00

SUBJECT: gun directive

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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CC: G. Timothy Saunders ( CN=G. Timothy Saunders/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: David R. Goodfriend ( CN=David R. Goodfriend/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jose Cerda III ( CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

after joe's meeting this morning it sounds like we're on for the gun  
directive - - can we get a draft of it for circulation as soon as you have  
something; thanks.



## MEDICARE COMMISSION TALKING POINTS

**Senator Beaux has made a constructive contribution toward addressing the challenges facing Medicare.** After more than a year of work, the Medicare Commission has helped to focus long-overdue attention on the need to modernize the program and prepare it for retirement of the baby boom generation. Many of its recommendations represent sound policy that should be seriously considered by the Congress. I want to thank Senator Beaux, Congressman Thomas and all the members of the Commission, particularly my appointees (Laura Tyson, Stuart Altman, Bruce Vladeck and Tony Watson), for all their hard work.

**The Beaux-Thomas plan, however, falls short in a number of key areas which explains why I cannot support it.** In January, I outlined the principles that I would use to evaluate the Commission's work product. This plan does not appear to include elements that are essential to strengthening Medicare and better preparing it for the twenty-first century. Key concerns include:

- **Does not provide necessary new revenues for Medicare and passes up an historic opportunity to dedicate 15 percent of the surplus to the program.** Every independent Medicare expert agrees that the program cannot provide the baby boom generation with Medicare benefits without substantial new revenue. Unfortunately, the Commission plan does not present options for new revenues. Instead, it recommends waiting and acting when Medicare's solvency is at risk. Waiting not only makes the problem harder to solve, but shifts more of the burden to our children. This is wrong. This is why I proposed to dedicate part of the surplus to Medicare immediately, to save some of today's prosperity for tomorrow's needs.
- **Increases Medicare eligibility age without a policy to protect against large increases in the numbers of the uninsured.** As you know, I am deeply concerned about the trends in the uninsured, particularly among older Americans. That is why I proposed allowing some people ages 55 to 65 to buy into Medicare. These problems will only get worse under a proposal that postpones Medicare eligibility without providing premium assistance for alternative health coverage.
- **Premium support proposal that raises questions about whether premiums for the traditional Medicare program will increase and current benefits are guaranteed.** I am committed to adding competition and private sector approaches to Medicare, but not if this hurts the existing program or its beneficiaries.
- **Inadequate coverage of prescription drugs.** While I want to recognize Senator Beaux's leadership in acknowledging the need for prescription drug coverage, his proposal does not provide an accessible, affordable option for all beneficiaries. As Laura Tyson, Stuart Altman, and other respected health economists agree that the current system's patchwork coverage of prescription drugs is highly inefficient and expensive.

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**I will build on the Commission's work and develop and propose a plan that can go the next step in attracting even greater consensus.** I have instructed my health care advisors to take the best ideas from the Commission plan, from those not voting for the Commission plan, and from Congress to craft a proposal that can receive bipartisan support and truly prepare Medicare for its future challenges. Medicare is not and should not become a partisan, political issue and I am determined to work across party lines to strengthen and improve the program this year.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Andrea Kane ( CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 11:32:22.00

SUBJECT: constitutional question re: definition of assistance

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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CC: Courtney O. Gregoire ( CN=Courtney O. Gregoire/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TEXT:

After you had to leave our TANF rule meeting, Bruce raised whether the distinction we're creating between workfare and other subsidized employment might lead to a constitutional challenge to time limits that we need to worry about -- i.e. person A in workfare has the clock ticking, person B in subsidized employment does not, so person A raises an equal protection claim.



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**The Breaux-Thomas plan, however, falls short in a number of key areas and therefore the President cannot support it.** In January, the President outlined the principles that he would use to evaluate the Commission's work product. This plan does not appear to include elements that are essential to strengthening Medicare and better preparing it for the twenty-first century. In particular, the plan:

- **Does not provide necessary new revenues for Medicare and passes up an historic opportunity to dedicate 15 percent of the surplus to the program.** Every independent Medicare expert agrees that the program cannot provide the baby boom generation with Medicare benefits without substantial new revenue. Unfortunately, the Commission plan does not provide these new revenues. Instead, it recommends waiting to act until Medicare's solvency is at risk. But waiting will make the problem harder to solve and shift more of the burden to our children. This is why the President proposed to dedicate part of the surplus to Medicare immediately, to save some of today's prosperity for tomorrow's needs.
- **Increases Medicare eligibility age without a policy to protect against large increases in the numbers of the uninsured.** As you know, the President is deeply concerned about the increase in the uninsured population, particularly among older Americans. That is why he proposed allowing some people ages 55 to 65 to buy into Medicare. These problems will only get worse under a proposal that postpones Medicare eligibility without providing premium assistance for alternative health coverage.
- **Proposes a premium support model that could adversely affect premiums for the traditional Medicare program and its current package of guaranteed benefits.** The President is committed to adding competition and private sector approaches to the Medicare program, but will not risk harming the existing program or its beneficiaries. Senator Breaux's premium support model has the potential to increase premiums for the traditional Medicare program or undermine its current package of benefits. The President cannot support the plan while such questions about this proposal remain.
- **Provides inadequate coverage of prescription drugs.** While the President recognizes Senator Breaux's leadership in acknowledging the need for prescription drug coverage, the Commission's proposal does not provide an accessible, affordable option for all beneficiaries. Most respected health economists agree that the current system's patchwork coverage of prescription drugs is highly inefficient and expensive. Senator Breaux's proposal goes part of the way but not far enough to reform this system.

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CREATOR: Cathy R. Mays ( CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 13:06:30.00

SUBJECT: Weekly Health Care Strategy Meeting

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TO: David W. Beier ( CN=David W. Beier/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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TO: Barbara D. Woolley ( CN=Barbara D. Woolley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Devorah R. Adler ( CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Jonathan M. Young ( CN=Jonathan M. Young/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Amy Weiss ( CN=Amy Weiss/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: Jason H. Schechter ( CN=Jason H. Schechter/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: Joseph D. Ratner ( CN=Joseph D. Ratner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

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TEXT:

We will be having the weekly Health Care Strategy Meeting on Thursday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office, 2 Floor/West Wing.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Cathy R. Mays ( CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Weekly Education Strategy Meeting

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TO: William H. White Jr. ( CN=William H. White Jr./OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Victoria A. Lynch ( CN=Victoria A. Lynch/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Lisa M. Towne ( CN=Lisa M. Towne/OU=OSTP/O=EOP @ EOP [ OSTP ] )  
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TO: Broderick Johnson ( CN=Broderick Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Tanya E. Martin ( CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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CC: Marjorie Tarmey ( CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

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TEXT:

We will be having the weekly Education Strategy Meeting on Thursday, March 18, at 5:15 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office, 2 Floor/West Wing.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 13:18:46.00

SUBJECT: RE: Weekly Education Strategy Meeting

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TO: Paul D. Glastris ( CN=Paul D. Glastris/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TEXT:  
Mike will be there

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Cathy\_R.\_Mays@opd.eop.gov [SMTP:Cathy\_R.\_Mays@opd.eop.gov]  
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> Subject: Weekly Education Strategy Meeting  
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> 18, at 5:15 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office, 2 Floor/West Wing.  
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: June Shih ( CN=June Shih/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 13:28:53.00

SUBJECT: medicare draft

TO: Minyon Moore ( CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Ron Klain ( CN=Ron Klain/O=OVP @ OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
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TO: Dawn L. Smalls ( CN=Dawn L. Smalls/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TO: Dominique L. Cano ( CN=Dominique L. Cano/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
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TEXT:

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Shih/Waldman

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

STATEMENT ON MEDICARE REFORM

THE WHITE HOUSE

MARCH 16, 1999

Good Afternoon. I'd like to begin by saying that our thoughts and prayers are with all those involved in this morning's Amtrak train crash in Illinois. We have dispatched safety officials from the National Transportation Safety Board to the site just outside Chicago to lead the investigation. We will do everything we can to help the victims and their families and to ensure this investigation moves forward with great care and speed.

Before I leave for Florida, I would like to comment on an issue of vital importance to the future of America's families: How to best strengthen Medicare for the 21st Century.

Today, Senator Breaux and Rep. Thomas are finishing work on a Medicare reform plan that responds to many of the challenges facing Medicare today. After more than a year of work, the Medicare commission has helped to focus long overdue attention on the need to modernize the program and prepare it for the retirement of the baby boom generation. It has done valuable work, work that we can and must build on to craft Medicare reform.

Make no mistake: we must modernize and strengthen Medicare. For more than three decades, Medicare has been much more than a program. It is the way we honor our parents and grandparents -- and protect our families. In my 1993 economic plan that put America on the path of fiscal responsibility, we took steps to strengthen Medicare. In 1995, we stopped a misguided effort to make severe cuts that would have undermined our commitment. And in the 1997 bipartisan balanced budget agreement, we took the most significant steps yet -- improving benefits, expanding choices for recipients, fighting waste, fraud and abuse, and extending the life of the Trust Fund to at least the year 2010.

But as the Baby Boomers retire, and medical science extends the lives of millions of Americans, we must do more -- taking strong and sometimes difficult steps -- to modernize Medicare so that it can fulfill

its promise into the 21st Century. If we do not act, Medicare will run out of funds in 2010. That would represent a broken promise to generations of Americans. And we cannot allow that to happen.

As I said in January, we must act, and our actions must be rooted in fundamental principles. We must seize the opportunity created by our fiscal discipline, and devote 15% of the budget surplus to strengthen and stabilize Medicare. We must modernize Medicare, and make it more competitive, by adopting the best practices from the private sector and maintaining high quality services. We must ensure that Medicare continues to provide every citizen a guaranteed set of benefits. And we must make prescription drugs more accessible and affordable to Medicare recipients.

The plan offered by Sen. Breaux and his colleagues included many strong elements. Many of its recommendations represent sound policy that should be seriously considered by the Congress. However, I believe their approach falls short in several respects. It would raise the age of eligibility for Medicare -- from 65 to 67 -- without a policy to guard against rising numbers of uninsured Americans. It does not guarantee that the current level of benefits will be provided to all beneficiaries, nor does it ensure that premiums for the traditional Medicare program will remain stable. And it does not provide adequate coverage for prescription drugs.

Most fundamentally, it fails to make a solid commitment to devoting 15 percent of our surplus to the Medicare Trust Fund. Only by making this commitment can we keep the program on firm financial ground until the year 2020.

Every independent expert agrees that Medicare cannot provide for the baby boom generation without substantial new revenues. Beyond that, it is very clear that Medicare reform will require difficult political and technical choices. If we really want to reform Medicare, then we should do whatever we can to make those choices easier. Devoting 15 percent of the surplus to Medicare would do just that -- it would stabilize the program -- and give us the space we need to modernize and improve its services.

I want to thank the Medicare Commission for their work and for their recommendations. While they ultimately did not achieve a consensus on the commission, the Medicare commission's work must spur us to action. Today, I am instructing my advisors to draft a plan to strengthen Medicare for the 21st Century, which I will present to this Congress. We will seek to craft a proposal that can achieve even greater consensus. Medicare is too important to let partisan politics stand in the way of vital progress. I believe that if we make difficult choices, work together, and act this year, we can secure Medicare for the future. Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 14:08:42.00

SUBJECT: Draft note re civ rts council. Comments?

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Maria -- I'm really glad you've put together a civil rights coordinating group, which should be extremely helpful in steering the Administration's enforcement efforts, and figuring out what the agencies are (and should be) doing. We'd like to help in whatever way we can -- thanks for making our people co-leads on all the subgroups.

My understanding from our brief discussions is that this group will focus primarily on enforcement, as opposed to policy development. I know that enforcement decisions inevitably raise policy questions, and this can be a good forum for those. But I hope you will be clear with people from the outset that the actual development of new policies in a particular area, such as hate crimes or community reinvestment, should still run through NEC or DPC in a regular policy council process. We already had working groups in some of these areas, and it will get confusing for everybody if we have parallel efforts and no clear lines.

Let me know if there's more our folks can do.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman ( CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 14:24:33.00

SUBJECT: AP on NAS response

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Mary L. Smith ( CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Food Council Releases Report

By Janelle Carter  
AP Farm Writer  
Tuesday, March 16, 1999; 5:05 a.m. EST

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A White House food safety task force will continue to study structural changes to "strengthen the federal food safety system" but stopped short of endorsing a recommendation for a single food safety chief.

The President's Council on Food Safety, in a report released Monday, made clear that establishing a single voice on food safety issues posed challenges in some areas.

"Foodborne disease problems may also be waterborne problems," said the council, which is made up of officials from the departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Health and Human Services. "Other programs, particularly research and education programs for food safety, often do not operate as separate activities within the agencies but rather draw on the strength from one another."

The National Academy of Sciences in August issued a report, saying that "Congress should establish a unified, central framework for managing food safety programs, headed by one official with control of resources for all federal food safety activities."

President Clinton created the council to review the report's findings and

develop a national strategy.

The NAS report gave examples such as a food safety council with a chair appointed by the president with control of all resources; a lead agency for food safety and an independent food safety agency at cabinet level.

Critics, including some lawmakers and consumer groups, have complained about the current fragmented system of 12 agencies with various food safety issues.

Most food safety responsibilities are handled by the Agriculture Department, which is in charge of meat and poultry and certain fresh produce issues, and the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees other foods. But agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and Commerce Department also have a role.

The council said development of a national strategy to address food safety is already underway.

"The council is confident that its comprehensive strategic plan will be a major step toward creating a seamless food safety system," the report said.

While U.S. food is considered the world's safest, up to 9,000 Americans die every year from food poisoning, and millions are sickened.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth R. Newman ( CN=Elizabeth R. Newman/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 14:36:05.00

SUBJECT: Guidance for Potus Press Conference

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. ( CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jennifer M. Palmieri ( CN=Jennifer M. Palmieri/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We have just found out it looks like a go on a full POTUS press conference for this Friday. Sorry about the late notice - but we are just getting it ourselves. We will need a full range of guidance from your office on the following subjects by COB tomorrow night - we have to turn in the book at that time.

Medicare

Patients' Bill of Rights

Education

Tobacco

Police Brutality

Gun Lawsuits/NRA legislation

thanks a lot.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman ( CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 14:40:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: AP on NAS response

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'm on the phone trying to fix it.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman ( CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 14:42:49.00

SUBJECT: BNA

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I suspect HHS on the AP story.

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#### Food Safety

President's Council Calls for New Law

To Unify Federal Regulatory Programs

The United States needs a new law establishing a unified framework for all federal food safety programs with one official overseeing the whole system, the President's Council on Food Safety said March 15.

In a report to President Clinton, the council endorsed a proposal for a unifying food safety law that the National Academy of Science made in an August 1998 report.

The council also endorsed the four other recommendations in that NAS report, Ensuring Safe Food from Production to Consumption, which said the current regulatory system for food safety in the United States is too fragmented.

One of the NAS report recommendations was for a national a comprehensive food safety plan. The council said it is developing such a plan.

The NAS report also said federal food safety statutes should be based on scientifically supportable assessments of public health risks. The council said it will review existing food safety laws to determine which might need statutory changes.

Another recommendation in the NAS report was that the federal food safety system should be based on science. The council's assessment gave examples in the federal system where this is the case. It also cited "areas that need to be strengthened," such as methods to minimize contamination of food.

#### More Authority

The NAS report said federal agencies need the legal authority to work more effectively with states, tribes, and local governments on food safety.

"Much needs to be done to better coordinate the federal government's interactions with other levels of government," the council's assessment said.

Just days after NAS released its report, President Clinton created the food safety council through Executive Order 13100 . That presidential directive gave the council six months to assess the NAS report.

The National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine, both of which are arms of NAS, prepared the original report at the request of Congress.

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CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman ( CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 15:17:14.00

SUBJECT:

TO: ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN ( ELENA (Pager) #KAGAN [ UNKNOWN ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

please all Tom x65587

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Thomas L. Freedman ( CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 15:53:47.00

SUBJECT: food stories

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Mary L. Smith ( CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The stories on AP/Reuters are bad, but seem to have seen little daylight. USDA and Amy were favoring just letting them die but will call the reporters back. [O'hara swears on a bible they didn't do this, and it is true the industry put out press releases saying the report was against a single food agency. I had talked to Durbin's staff last night and at a hearing today, he noted the industry response, but said our report was supportive of a single food agency. The Reuters reporter who wrote the line, "US rejects single food agency" reporter told Smith Dewall "maybe a I got spun by the manufacturers." ]

Anyway, I talked to Amy Weiss and Andy Solomon (USDA has a relationship with the reporters) and he'll call to tell them they got the story wrong. Caroline Smith Dewall also said she'd call back to stress that we endorsed but she is also saying we need to explicitly favor the single food agency. You just can't believe what you read.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dan Marcus ( CN=Dan Marcus/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 16:33:16.00

SUBJECT: HELMS V. PICARD -- MORE TO READ

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Edward W. Correia ( CN=Edward W. Correia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Charles F. Ruff ( CN=Charles F. Ruff/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I am sending around to you copies of OLC's memo on Helms v. Picard, which just arrived.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv ( CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 17:29:12.00

SUBJECT: Looks like a pretty good Republican food fight at the moment.

TO: Richard L. Siewert ( CN=Richard L. Siewert/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
Congress Eyes Unspent Welfare Money

By LAURA MECKLER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Unspent welfare money totaling billions of dollars is proving tempting to some in Congress who want to reclaim the cash windfall from the states.

It's causing a fight among Republicans who want the money for disaster relief and education, and others who argue they must keep promises made during the welfare debate just three years ago, and let states spend as they see fit.

``We made a deal,'' House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, wrote to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. ``As state legislatures confront the toughest challenges of welfare reform, Congress is proposing to pull the rug from under them.''

And Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, a Republican, said he and other governors will fight any raid on state money.

``There is no question that the Congress made a pledge, a promise,'' Thompson said Tuesday. ``How can you ever be trusted again if on such a serious issue as this you give your

on it?"

quickly than anyone spent on welfare jobs, and tougher assistance.

states was based higher. Under the billion is put in Many states down, and sive services for getting off welfare.

the new system, sitting unused in

use \$350

Republican wants to let states that may have

school programs to President allowing for a tax cut.

Republicans who fundamentally

promised to qualified for

word and give your pledge, and then you go back

Americans have left the welfare rolls more predicted, leaving states with extra money not checks. A strong economy helped people find rules discouraged people from staying on

But the amount the federal government gives to on earlier years when caseloads were much 1996 federal welfare overhaul, a total of \$16.5 federal accounts earmarked for states each year. have saved the money in case the economy turns many say it will be needed to provide more inten welfare recipients who need the most help

At the end of September, after two years under more than \$3 billion promised to the states was federal accounts.

In the Senate, an emergency spending bill would million of that money. And in the House, a instrumental in crafting the 1996 welfare law use their welfare money for education programs nothing to do with the poor.

That would let Republicans support popular without having to find any new cash, responding Clinton's education initiatives while still

Neither proposal is going over well with other helped shape the 1996 welfare law, which changed how the nation aids its poor.

The federal government used to set the rules and help pay the benefits of each person who

to live with a  
flexibility in

attempts to turn  
health programs  
fail if Congress breaks  
welfare overhaul had  
when it hit a

... it will be all  
said Archer's letter  
leaders, Reps.

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help provide  
of Hurricane

wouldn't be  
portion. The  
forfeit more  
still unspent.

Kasich,  
overhaul,  
their welfare money  
schools or hiring

possible," said  
seeking the

assistance. Under the new system, states agreed  
set level of funding in exchange for enormous  
creating their programs.

Like Thompson, Archer warned that future  
education, child protection, housing, food and  
into similar ``block grants'' to states will  
the welfare deal. Indeed, opponents of the  
warned that Congress would raid welfare money  
financial crunch.

``If Congress cannot be trusted to keep its word  
but impossible to enact additional reforms,''  
to Lott, also signed by other welfare overhaul  
Clay Shaw, R-Fla., and Nancy Johnson, R-Conn.

In the Senate, Appropriations Committee Chairman  
Stevens, R-Alaska, wants to use \$350 million to  
disaster relief to the Central American victims  
Mitch.

States that have spent all their welfare money  
punished, but those with money left would lose a  
biggest loser would be New York, which would  
than \$79 million of the \$689 million it has

Meanwhile, House Budget Committee Chairman John  
who was central to creation of the 1996 welfare  
introduced a plan Tuesday to let states use  
for education programs, such as building new  
more teachers.

``It should be as broadly based on education as  
Bruce Cuthbertson, spokesman for Kasich, who is  
GOP presidential nomination.

Even Republicans who support flexibility in

federal funding reject

that.

that nature is a  
Duffy.

``Using it for school construction and things of  
nonstarter,'' said Archer's spokesman, Trent

of what's

Thompson agreed: ``You've got to be in the realm  
good for the welfare clientele.''

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 18:19:23.00

SUBJECT: Sen Graham has a mtg w/POTUS on Thurs pm

TO: J. Eric Gould ( CN=J. Eric Gould/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Caroline Fredrickson says Bob Graham is coming in to see the President on Thursday afternoon on another issue, but plans to raise tobacco. She is calling his LD and LA to find out if he has a new proposal.



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**TO:** Stephanie Streett

**FROM:** Bruce Reed

**REQUEST:** For the President to announce the award of contracts to manufacture more than 150 new FAA-certified explosive detection devices for installation at airports throughout the United States.

**PURPOSE:** To amplify the President's commitment to airport security and to help combat terrorism in our Nation.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1996, the White House Commission on Aviation Safety, led by Vice President Gore, recommended that the FAA purchase innovative security equipment to help insure the safety of the flying public. This announcement would be the purchase of 21 FAA-certified explosives detection systems and 135 trace explosives detection devices, which add to the multi-year deployment of innovative security equipment recommended by the Commission. In FY99, FAA has \$100 million to continue this deployment, and the President requested \$100 million in his FY2000 budget.

**PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:** None.

**DATE AND TIME:** March or early April

**BRIEFING TIME:** 10 minutes.

**DURATION:** 30 minutes.

**LOCATION:** Roosevelt Room.

**PARTICIPANTS:** The Vice President  
Secretary Rodney Slater  
FAA Administrator Jane Garvey  
Senators Lautenberg and Boxer and others  
Airline CEO's, equipment manufacturers, and members

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of the aviation and airport industry.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Remarks by participants.

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by speechwriting.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open press.

FIRST LADY'S  
ATTENDANCE: No.

VICE PRESIDENT'S  
ATTENDANCE: Yes.

SECOND LADY'S  
ATTENDANCE: No.

RECOMMENDED BY: As indicated above.

CONTACT: Karen Kullman 6-5165.

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Domestic Policy Council.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III ( CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 19:31:23.00

SUBJECT: Bullet for the Morning Meeting

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro ( CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cathy R. Mays ( CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. ( CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:  
BR/EK:

Just a quick note for tomorrow's senior staff meeting...

Senators Session and Thurmond have scheduled a joint Judiciary/Administrative Oversight Subcommittee hearing on gun prosecutions for next Monday morning. They have a damning chart on how we're charging fewer persons overall for gun crimes, and have asked the U.S. Attorney from Richmond, VA (Project Exile) to testify. No one from DOJ has been invited yet, and their thinking is that they're better off pushing the Dems to make sure that people like David Kennedy (Boston Gun Project) will be invited, than insisting on their own participation. While the R's will hate it -- and think we did it simply to scoop them -- this does make the case for the gun directive on Saturday.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Lisa M. Kountoupes ( CN=Lisa M. Kountoupes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 19:40:43.00

SUBJECT: Meehan/Hansen

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson ( CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Daniel N. Mendelson ( CN=Daniel N. Mendelson/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Joshua Gotbaum ( CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jessica L. Gibson ( CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lawrence J. Stein ( CN=Lawrence J. Stein/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

plan to drop their bill on Wed. Mar. 17. The bill will have only the two of them as original cosponsors. They will send a dear colleague to the members of the bipartisan house tobacco task force seeking additional cosponsors.

Waxman is also still working on his bill, which has been significantly modified from teh version they contempaleted a month ago.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tracy Pakulniewicz ( CN=Tracy Pakulniewicz/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 20:07:15.00

SUBJECT: Short Term Planing Mtg

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karin Kullman ( CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett ( CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Loretta Ucelli will be hosting a short term message meeting tomorrow morning (3/17) in her office (gf/ww) at 11:30 am to discuss messages for events through the end of March.

Thank you - see you then...

Message Sent

To:

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Douglas B. Sosnik/WHO/EOP

Joseph P. Lockhart/WHO/EOP

Jennifer M. Palmieri/WHO/EOP

Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP

Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

Michael Waldman/WHO/EOP

Ann F. Lewis/WHO/EOP

Stacie Spector/WHO/EOP

Steven E. Cahill/OMB/EOP

Charles M. Brain/WHO/EOP

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Stephanie S. Streett/WHO/EOP

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To:

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Jonathan E. Smith/WHO/EOP

Joseph C. Fanaroff/WHO/EOP

Charles J. Payson/WHO/EOP

Carolyn T. Wu/WHO/EOP

Ruby Shamir/WHO/EOP

Anne Whitworth/WHO/EOP

Stacie Spector/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kate P. Donovan ( CN=Kate P. Donovan/OU=OMB/O=EOP [ OMB ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1999 20:48:29.00

SUBJECT: Need Clearance: Draft Senate Supplemental SAP

TO: John A. Koskinen ( CN=John A. Koskinen/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ann F. Lewis ( CN=Ann F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Miles M. Lackey ( CN=Miles M. Lackey/OU=NSC/O=EOP@EOP [ NSC ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michelle Peterson ( CN=Michelle Peterson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Todd Stern ( CN=Todd Stern/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Wesley P. Warren ( CN=Wesley P. Warren/OU=CEQ/O=EOP@EOP [ CEQ ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ron Klain ( CN=Ron Klain/O=OVP@OVP [ UNKNOWN ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Gene B. Sperling ( CN=Gene B. Sperling/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Lynn G. Cutler ( CN=Lynn G. Cutler/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Karen Tramontano ( CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Steve Ricchetti ( CN=Steve Ricchetti/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: George T. Frampton ( CN=George T. Frampton/OU=CEQ/O=EOP@EOP [ CEQ ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste ( CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: G. E. DeSeve ( CN=G. E. DeSeve/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [ OMB ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jeffrey M. Smith ( CN=Jeffrey M. Smith/OU=OSTP/O=EOP@EOP [ OSTP ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Joshua Gotbaum ( CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [ OMB ] )

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TO: Martha Foley ( CN=Martha Foley/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sally Katzen ( CN=Sally Katzen/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John Podesta ( CN=John Podesta/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: John A. Gribben ( CN=John A. Gribben/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lisa M. Kountoupes ( CN=Lisa M. Kountoupes/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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TEXT:

Please review the draft SAP for S. 544, the Senate Supplemental Appropriations bill. The position is "senior advisors veto recommendation." It is possible that the Senate will take up the bill Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. We aim to release the SAP tomorrow (Wed. 3/17) afternoon. Please provide comments/clearance by noon tomorrow. Thank you.

S. 544 -- EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 1999 (Sponsor: Stevens (R), Alaska)

This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on S. 544, a bill making FY 1999 emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters and for foreign assistance, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill as reported by the Committee provides \$1.89 billion in urgently needed funding to assist in Central America's recovery from recent natural disasters, to provide resources to promote stability in Jordan, and to fund the emergency needs of farmers and ranchers in the United States.

The Administration appreciates the Senate Committee's prompt action to ensure that urgently needed funding is provided quickly. Providing essential assistance to victims of natural disasters and helping our farmers at home with vital financing clearly fall in the category of needs that are urgent, unanticipated, and essential -- that is, emergency requirements. Therefore, they clearly deserve to be funded quickly, fully, and without requiring offsets that could force unacceptable reductions in important programs. In addition, it is essential that this bill remain free of extraneous provisions that could slow its progress. Unfortunately, the Committee bill includes a number of such provisions.

Were the bill to be presented to the President with the Senate Committee's proposed offsets and several objectionable riders discussed below, the President's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill. We urge you not to take actions that could result in gridlock and delay, and that would be detrimental both to our allies abroad and our citizens at home in their time of need.

Emergency Relief for Central America

The bill provides \$977 million for Central America, \$21 million more than the President's request. The President's request for International Assistance Programs, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Justice would provide essential emergency disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch, which inflicted severe damage on several Central American nations. The package also provides aid to the Caribbean nations struck by Hurricane Georges, including Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The Administration commends the Committee for its prompt action in approving the President's request.

Regrettably, the Majority Leadership of the Senate has decided that these funds must be offset. Hurricane Mitch, the worst natural disaster in the history of the Western hemisphere, left more than 9,000 dead and drove millions from their homes. Serious economic dislocation has resulted from the destruction of schools, hospitals, businesses, farms, and roads. Together, Hurricanes Mitch and Georges have caused \$10 billion in damages. The President's Central America package is urgent, unanticipated, and essential and should be funded as an emergency request.

Funds must be provided swiftly to prevent the spread of disease and to buy seed and plant crops in the fast-approaching Spring planting season, thereby providing food and jobs to many communities, and to demonstrate to Central Americans that they can find jobs and security in their own recovering economies. Much of the rural road system farmers and small merchants depend on for their livelihoods was destroyed. Water and sanitation systems have been disrupted, which can result in disease. Economic destruction and dislocation threaten to undermine the region's achievements of the past decade, as these nations have made tremendous strides toward settling conflicts, strengthening democracy, promoting human rights, opening economies and alleviating poverty. Emergency assistance for reconstruction aid will ensure that their transformation continues and will deter illegal migration by assuring that Central Americans have cause to view their own futures in the region with hope.

#### Jordan

The Administration appreciates the Committee's providing the full \$100 million for Jordan, fully funding the FY 1999 request. These funds will provide financial support to help promote stability in Jordan and the region during the period of transition subsequent to King Hussein's death. While the Administration appreciates the full funding of the FY 1999 request, we are disappointed that the \$200 million requested in advance appropriations for FYs 2000 and 2001 has not been provided. In the context of promoting peace in the Middle East, the Administration will continue to press for these advance appropriations.

#### Department of Agriculture

The Committee bill provides \$308 million in emergency funds for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), \$156 million above the President's request. The Administration appreciates the Committee's support for the President's request for emergency farm loans and administrative costs. This additional loan authority would provide vitally needed financing for the Nation's farmers in light of the significant increase in demand for USDA loans, due to projected continuing low commodity and livestock prices. The Administration is reviewing the other farm-sector funds included in the Committee bill.

#### Offsets

The President has proposed that this package of essential emergency disaster assistance be funded consistent with the budget rules that apply to emergency spending. Regrettably, the Majority Leadership has decided that the funds for Central American disaster aid must be offset. The proposed offsets would result in unacceptable reductions in funding in areas of crucial importance to Americans, including: disaster relief funds in response to Hurricane Georges and other domestic disasters; funds for anti-terrorism to protect U.S. citizens at our embassies overseas; funds to fight the war on drugs; and, with less than 300 days before December 31, 1999, funds to solve the Y2K problem.

Some examples of the reductions that would result from the Committee's action include the following:

C \$75 million from anti-terrorism programs to protect our citizens at our embassies and facilities abroad;

C \$65 million in disaster relief, which would deprive FEMA, SBA, and other agencies of resources they need to continue their work in response to domestic disasters in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, North and South Carolina, North and South Dakota, West Virginia, Texas, California, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Alaska and most other States ;

C \$33 million in drug war programs of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Coast Guard, the Customs Service, and other agencies;

C \$113 million in Y2K funding for domestic Federal Government agencies, which could harm systems needing further computer conversion adjustments;

C \$25 million in INS citizenship and immigration programs and \$40 million in enforcement and border affairs, which would have negative consequences on INS's immigration benefit programs, ongoing investigations, and land border inspection operations;

C \$16 million from the Department of Energy to execute crucial nonproliferation activities with the Russian Federation and private Western companies to reduce the availability of weapons-grade uranium;

C \$43 million for International Organizations and Peacekeeping that would increase U.N. arrears and would jeopardize the ability of the United States to respond to increased or new requirements for international peacekeeping operations;

C \$100 million from revised inflation assumptions for domestic, non-defense programs, which could result in cuts in inflation-sensitive programs such as WIC and other essential programs;

C \$60 million from the Global Environmental Facility and \$10 million from the EPA climate change program that develops the technology needed for a fuel efficient, less polluting vehicle;

C \$350 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds deferred until FY 2002, which could force States to reduce their own investments in their critical programs and reduce services and benefits to poor families who are trying to make the transition from welfare to work.

Objectionable riders

Unfortunately, the Committee bill includes a number of strongly objectionable provisions, including the following:

C A provision that would completely relinquish the Federal taxpayers' share of the Medicaid-related claims in the comprehensive State tobacco settlement without any commitment whatsoever by the States to use these funds to stop youth smoking. Federal taxpayers paid a significant share -- the majority in most cases -- of Medicaid smoking-related expenditures. The Administration believes that the States should retain these funds and make a commitment that the Federal share of the settlement's proceeds will be spent on shared national and State priorities: to reduce youth smoking, promote public health and children's programs, and assist affected rural communities.

C A provision that would extend the current moratorium on publishing a final Interior Department rule revising the method by which crude oil from Federal leases is valued for purposes of calculating Federal royalties. The existing FY 1999 rider imposed an eight-month moratorium (until June 1, 1999) and was the outcome of negotiations with the Congress at the end of the last session. This provision would cost the Treasury about \$15 million in FY 1999.

C A provision that would extend the current moratorium on publishing a final Interior Department rule concerning surface management and reclamation requirements at hardrock mine sites on Federal lands. The existing FY 1999 rider imposed a moratorium on publishing the final rule until September 30, 1999, and requires a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study by July 31, 1999, examining the need for the new rule. The provision in this bill would prohibit publishing the final rule until after a minimum 120-day comment period following the completion of the NAS study. Therefore, the earliest the rule could be published would be December 1999. The new rule is needed to update the existing 1980 regulation to take into account changes in mining practices and technology since then. Interior issued for comment and review a proposed hardrock mining rule in February 1999. This rule-making process should not be delayed further.

C A provision that would prevent the Secretary of the Interior from implementing a recent reorganization of Interior's Office of Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) for the remainder of FY 1999. The Secretary took the step of reorganizing this office to address deficiencies in day-to-day management of OST's field operations. In order for the Administration's efforts to reform management of tribal and individual Indian trust funds to succeed, this reorganization needs to remain in effect.

#### Other Issues

C On March 10, 1999, the President transmitted a request for \$15 million in additional supplemental funding for the Department of the Interior to support the requirements of the Cobell v. Babbitt class-action lawsuit alleging mismanagement of individual Indian money accounts. These additional funds would allow the Department to conduct critical activities, including court-ordered document production and statistical sampling needed this year in defense of the suit. This request is fully offset from other Interior appropriation accounts.

C The Administration objects to a provision that would transfer

\$100 million from the Department of Agriculture's Wildfire Management Operations -- primarily firefighting funding -- to its Knutson-Vandenberg Fund (K-V Fund), which funds reforestation and timber stand management and improvement on national forest lands. A transfer of this magnitude is unnecessary and inappropriate. Transferring the funds from the appropriated fire operations account would likely require that available Forest Service emergency contingency funds be used to fight fires in FY 1999, even if FY 1999 is a normal fire year. Should a significant fire season occur and the contingency funds be exhausted, the Forest Service would have to transfer funds back from the K-V Fund.

C The Administration would like to work with the Committee to respond to their concerns about the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant disaster relief program.

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any thoughts about what we should do at the AFSCME Legislative Conference? I'd like to use the venue to its maximine advantage. I'd appreciate any advice, thoughts thanks  
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I spoke with Chuck Loveless today and this is what we agreed the event would be:

10:40 am arrival at Omni Shoreham Hotel  
10:45 am - 10:55 am Meet and Greet w/20 leadership/escort committee  
11:00 am - 11:50 am Speech - Open Press - 350 guests

He mentioned that the group would be lobbying on the hill regarding Saving Social Security and Medicare and would like Potus to speak about these issues.

Let me know if you have any concerns. Thanks.

