

## Statement on Signing the Joint Resolution Settling the Railroad Strike

*April 18, 1991*

I have today signed H.J. Res. 222, a joint resolution "To provide for a settlement of the railroad labor-management disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees." This legislation is necessary to end the current nationwide strike against the major freight railroads. If allowed to continue, the strike would cripple the economy and adversely affect national security.

I note that H.J. Res. 222 contains provisions that raise constitutional issues. One provision purports to require the President to appoint one member of the Special Board provided for in section 2 from among the members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 219. This provision could raise constitutional concerns by circumscribing my appointment power. However, because I intend for other reasons to appoint one

of the members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 219 to the Special Board, the constitutionality of that restriction will not be at issue. The legislation also purports to require the President to appoint the other two members of the Special Board from a list of arbitrators compiled by the National Mediation Board. While provisions purporting to require the President to appoint from specified lists could raise constitutional concerns, these concerns are obviated here by my authority to supervise the National Mediation Board in the preparation of the list.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,  
April 18, 1991.

*Note: H.J. Res. 222, approved April 18, was assigned Public Law No. 102-29.*

## Nomination of Mary Ann Casey To Be United States Ambassador to Algeria

*April 18, 1991*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Mary Ann Casey, of Colorado, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria. She would succeed Christopher W.S. Ross.

Since 1989 Ms. Casey has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Analysis for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the Department of State in Washington, DC. Prior to this Ms. Casey served at the Department of State as Director of North African Affairs, 1987-1989; studied at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University,

1986-1987; and served as Deputy Director of the Office for Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq at the Department of State, 1984-1986. From 1981 to 1984, Ms. Casey served as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. Ms. Casey has served at the State Department in several capacities including: country officer for Iraq, 1978-1980; staff assistant for policy planning, 1977-1978; and watch officer in the Operations Center, 1976-1977. In addition, Ms. Casey served as consul and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, 1974-1976.

Ms. Casey graduated from the University

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of Colorado (B.A., 1970). She was born November 11, 1949, in Boulder, CO. Ms.

Casey resides in Falls Church, VA.

## Presidential Determination No. 91-30—Memorandum on Assistance for Refugees and Migrants in Africa

*April 18, 1991*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as Amended

Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest that \$15,250,000 be made available from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (Emergency Fund) to meet the unexpected and urgent needs of refugees and migrants in Africa.

A total of \$15,250,000 will be used to respond to urgent unforeseen refugee needs in Africa of which \$4,000,000 will be con-

tributed to UNHCR [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees] for South African repatriation; \$10,000,000 will be contributed to international relief organizations for Ethiopian and Somali refugees and returnees in the Horn of Africa; and \$1,250,000 will be used for emergency migration needs in Malawi.

You are directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this Determination and the obligation of funds under this authority, and to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

GEORGE BUSH

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## Exchange With Reporters on the National Education Strategy Prior to a Meeting With the Nation's Governors

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*The President.* You don't need to position these because I'm not going to say anything.

*Q.* Are all these Governors supportive of your education plan? Have they seen it?

*The President.* Well, I'd—maybe Governor Ashcroft could address himself to that, because I don't take questions in here in the Oval Office, as we all know now. *[Laughter]* But it's nice, though, when we have distinguished visitors to say something.

*Governor Ashcroft.* Well, I'm very supportive of it. And each Governor, of course, will see how the plan fits with his State. But I think the key to this is that the plan reinforces a number of things that Governors have been trying to do. One, it's performance oriented. Two, it really is designed to reinforce innovation and cre-

ativity. And those are two things that Governors have really been eager to support on both sides of the political aisle. And we're thrilled to have the kind of leadership on this—at least I am, and I think you'll find that to be the opinion of Governors generally.

*Q.* Do you think the Federal Government's doing enough?

*Governor Ashcroft.* I think this is very much needed and appreciated leadership. And we're all trying to find ways to improve our performance and do a better job of elevating the capacity of the best and most resource we have: young people. And the debate about how much is done is different in every community, but we're trying not only to do more but to do better.