

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the National Endowment for Democracy

April 8, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 504(h) of Public Law 98-164, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4413(i)), I transmit herewith the Eighth Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy, which covers fis-

cal year 1991.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 8, 1992.

Message to the Congress Reporting a Budget Rescission

April 8, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one rescission proposal, totaling \$145 thousand in budgetary resources.

The proposed rescission affects the Department of Energy. The details of this rescission proposal are contained in the at-

tached report.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 8, 1992.

Note: The attachment detailing the proposed rescission was published in the Federal Register on April 15.

Statement on Reforming Federal Regulation of Natural Gas Pipelines

April 8, 1992

I am pleased to announce comprehensive action taken today by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform Federal regulation of natural gas pipelines. The entire natural gas industry plays a critical role in the economic and environmental health of our Nation.

These reforms are part of the administration's national energy strategy as well as our continuing efforts to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to jobs and economic growth. They also build upon prior reforms, such as the key legislation I signed in 1989 abolishing price controls on producers of natural gas.

By reforming Federal regulation of the pipelines that transport natural gas, FERC's

so-called restructuring rule continues this trend away from heavy-handed Government regulation. Like the decontrol legislation I signed in 1989, FERC's action today will help to create a competitive, nationwide gas market, a market that will provide ample supplies of clean-burning natural gas for heating homes, running factories, and powering cars and trucks.

I commend Chairman Martin Allday and his colleagues on the Commission for their success in bringing reform to this vital American industry.

I call upon Congress, particularly the House of Representatives, to help us continue this reform effort by quickly enacting my national energy strategy legislation.