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## Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the Decisions of Railway Labor Dispute Arbitrators

*August 3, 1992*

On July 30 and 31, 1992, the President received for his review the decisions of the arbitrators in three of the four remaining railway labor disputes that led to the nationwide shutdown of the Nation's railroads in late June. These decisions were rendered pursuant to the arbitration process the Congress established in legislation for resolving the disputes. The decisions become final and binding upon the parties unless the President disapproves them within 3 days following their receipt.

The President has decided that he will

not disapprove any of the three decisions. The decisions submitted to the President were rendered in the arbitration of the dispute between the International Association of Machinists and the National Railway Carriers' Conference, the arbitration of the dispute between the International Association of Machinists and Amtrak, and the arbitration of the dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Amtrak.

The President is grateful to the arbitrators for their work in resolving these disputes.

## Statement on Publication of Rules Allowing Parental Choice in Child Care

*August 4, 1992*

Today we are publishing rules that will allow parents to choose the kind of child care they believe is best for their children. Under these rules, parents receiving child care and development block grant funds will be able to decide what kind of child care their children receive, including care provided by relatives, neighbors, or church-based centers.

New grant programs now provide over \$1.1 billion a year in vouchers and child care assistance that did not exist when I took office. Just as importantly, the child care legislation I initiated has expanded the

earned income tax credit so that low-income working families receiving that help can decide how best to care for their children. Providing tax relief for low-income families who work is the best way to help these families end the cycle of poverty. Over the 5-year phase-in of the earned income tax credit expansion, low-income families will receive an additional \$18 billion in refundable tax credits.

These rules reflect my commitment that we should trust parents to make the best decisions for their children.

## Nomination of Edward S. Walker To Be United States Deputy Representative to the United Nations

*August 4, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward S. Walker, of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Coun-

selor, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador. He would succeed Alexander F. Watson.

Since 1989, Ambassador Walker has served as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. Prior to this, he served in several positions with the Department of State including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, 1988–89; Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1985–88; participant in the senior training program at the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, 1984–85; executive assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, 1982–84; special assistant to the Assistant

Secretary of State for Near East and South Asia Bureau, 1981–82; and special assistant to the Personal Representative of the President for Middle East Negotiations, 1979–81.

Ambassador Walker graduated from Hamilton College (B.A., 1963) and Boston University (M.A., 1965). He was born June 13, 1940, in Abington, PA. He served in the U.S. Army, 1962–65. Ambassador Walker is married, has two children, and resides in Severna Park, MD.

## Nomination of Roland Karl Kuchel To Be United States Ambassador to Haiti

*August 4, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Roland Karl Kuchel, of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti. He would succeed Alvin P. Adams, Jr.

Mr. Kuchel currently serves as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Personnel at the Department of State. Prior to this, he served in several positions at the State Department including Chief of the Senior Officer Division in the Office of Career Development and Assignments, Bureau of Personnel, 1990–91; Deputy

Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, 1986–90; Deputy Director and then Director of the Office of East European and Yugoslav Affairs, 1983–86; Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, 1980–83; and Deputy Chief of the Political Section at the American Embassy in Rome, Italy, 1976–80.

Mr. Kuchel graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1961). He was born March 5, 1939, in Salem, MA. Mr. Kuchel is married, has three children, and resides in Washington, DC.

## Nomination of Robert E. Wallace To Be an Assistant Secretary of Labor

*August 4, 1992*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert E. Wallace, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training. He would succeed Thomas E. Collins III.

Since 1991, Mr. Wallace has served as the commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prior to this, he served as senior vice commander in chief in 1990

and junior vice commander in chief in 1989. In addition, Mr. Wallace was appointed by Gov. Thomas Kean to the position of deputy commissioner and administrator for veterans affairs in New Jersey, 1988–90.

Mr. Wallace graduated from Rutgers University (B.S., 1976) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (M.A., 1978). Mr. Wallace served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1967–69, and was