

not particularly surprised by the various responses—

Q. Mr. President, do you hope this week goes better than last week?

The President. We had a good week last week. The Ways and Means Committee voted the bill out—signed the motor voter bill.

NOTE: The exchange began at 4:05 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Message to the Congress Transmitting District of Columbia Budget Requests

May 24, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, I am transmitting the District of Columbia Government's 1994 budget request and 1993 budget supplemental request.

The District of Columbia Government has submitted a 1994 budget request for \$3,389 million in 1994 that includes a Federal payment of \$671.5 million, the amount authorized and requested by the Mayor and City Council. The President's recommended 1994 Federal payment

level of \$653 million is also included in the District's 1994 budget as an alternative level. My transmittal of the District's budget, as required by law, does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

I look forward to working with the Congress throughout the 1994 appropriation process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
May 24, 1993.

Announcement of Presidential Scholars

May 24, 1993

The President joined Secretary of Education Richard Riley today in naming 141 high school seniors as 1993 Presidential scholars. The scholars, who are recognized for their achievements in academics or the arts, will visit Washington June 19–24 and will be honored at a White House ceremony where each will receive a Presidential scholar medallion.

"These young people represent the best in our country," said the President. "Through hard work and community service they have earned this prestigious award. I look forward to meeting them next month at the White House."

Final selections of the scholars were made by a 32-member Commission on Presidential Scholars chaired by New Jersey Governor Jim Florio. The Commission was appointed by President Clinton earlier this month.

The 141 winners include one young man and one young woman from each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from American families living abroad; 15 at-large scholars and 20 scholars in the arts. Academic scholars were selected on the basis of SAT and ACT scores, essays, school recommendations, and transcripts. Arts scholars were identified through an Arts Recognition and Talent Search program conducted by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

NOTE: A list of the scholars was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.