

I congratulate the House leadership for their energetic effort to pass this difficult legislation, and I look forward to signing the strongest possible bill when it reaches my desk in its final

form. All in all, this is a breakthrough for political reform and a sign that we have heard the American people.

Appointment for Deputy Counsel to the President

November 22, 1993

The President announced today that he has appointed Washington attorney Joel Klein to be Deputy Counsel to the President. The appointment is effective December 1, 1993.

“With a long and distinguished record of achievement and public service, Joel Klein has proven himself one of the finest lawyers in

Washington. His wisdom has been invaluable to me on a number of occasions already, and I expect that he will be an important advisor to me as Deputy Counsel,” said the President.

NOTE: A biography of the appointee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Treasurer of the United States

November 22, 1993

The President announced today that he has nominated Ohio treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow to be the Treasurer of the United States. The position is subject to Senate confirmation.

“Mary Ellen Withrow is an outstanding public servant who has been widely recognized for her innovative and efficient management of the people of Ohio’s money,” said the President. “As

U.S. Treasurer she will play an important role in our efforts to cut waste and improve the management of public money in the Federal Government.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Congressional Leaders

November 23, 1993

The President. I want to make a brief statement; then I’ll answer a question or two.

The primary purpose of this meeting is for me to have a chance to thank the bipartisan congressional leadership for their cooperation and for our good working relationship here in this first year. I first met with this group on January 26th. We’ve met many times since then. I’ve been to Capitol Hill, I think, 15 times. This is only the second time in 60 years when there’s been no Presidential veto in a year. Sometimes the major initiatives that were passed

were passed with partisan votes but many times with bipartisan votes. And this was a remarkable year.

We passed the big deficit reduction package, which has kept interest rates down and inflation down and has contributed to a major increase in investment and job growth in the country. We passed with bipartisan support national service, NAFTA, the family and medical leave bill, major flood relief for people in the Middle West; both Houses have passed the campaign finance bill, a crime bill, the Brady bill. Health