

The President. Absolutely. They always are. I don't have any uniparty signing ceremonies where there are bipartisan support.

Q. Do they not deserve some credit?

The President. Absolutely. I'm glad that they voted for it. They absolutely do. Anybody who supported any of these measures deserves credit

for it. I was just answering Mara's question in the other context. They absolutely do, and I applaud them for doing it. I'm tickled pink that they did it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:22 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Statement on the Japan-United States Semiconductor Agreement *August 2, 1996*

I want to congratulate Ambassador Barshefsky and her entire negotiating team on the agreement reached today on semiconductors. Their tireless efforts to advance our Nation's economic interests around the world have reaped enormous benefits for America's businesses and workers.

This agreement achieves our goals of transparency and monitoring of the semiconductor market to assure market access for our companies. The semiconductor industry serves as an engine for growth and jobs and has regained its position as world leader in semiconductor production.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Canada-United States Protocol for the Protection of Migratory Birds *August 2, 1996*

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Protocol between the United States and Canada Amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States, with a related exchange of notes, signed at Washington on December 14, 1995.

The Protocol, which is discussed in more detail in the accompanying report of the Secretary of State, represents a considerable achievement for the United States in conserving migratory birds and balancing the interests of conservationists, sports hunters, and indigenous people. If ratified and properly implemented, the Protocol should further enhance the management

and protection of this important resource for the benefit of all users.

The Protocol would replace a protocol with a similar purpose, which was signed January 30, 1979, (Executive W, 96th Cong., 2nd Sess. (1980)), and which I, therefore, desire to withdraw from the Senate.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Protocol, with exchange of notes, and give its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
August 2, 1996.