

generated in federally supported laboratories and clinics benefits all of our citizens. We must also ensure that there is a diverse health care and research workforce in the future by making efforts to attract and train a generation of scientists and health care professionals who are

prepared to dedicate themselves to helping eliminate health disparities.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
November 22, 2000.

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Statement on Signing the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 *November 22, 2000*

Today I am pleased to sign into law S. 2712, the “Reports Consolidation Act of 2000.” This Act, which passed with bipartisan support, provides permanent authority for Federal agencies to consolidate certain financial and performance reports into a single, comprehensive annual report.

This Act builds on the success of a pilot program started in 1994 and represents an important step in the maturity of financial management reporting by the Federal Government. An agency can now combine its audited financial statements, as required by the Chief Financial Officers Act, and its performance reports, re-

quired by the Government Performance and Results Act.

These new consolidated reports will give the American people a more comprehensive and useful picture of the many important services we provide to the Nation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
November 22, 2000.

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Exchange With Reporters in Thurmont, Maryland *November 23, 2000*

Thanksgiving

The President. Hi, guys. Happy Thanksgiving.

Q. What are you thankful for, Mr. President?

The President. I have a lot to be thankful for this year. I’ve got my family here. They’re all in good health; they’re all doing well. I’ve got my two nephews here. I’m very grateful for how good the people of New York were to Hillary, and I’m very grateful the country’s in good shape. I’ve got a lot to be grateful for.

2000 Presidential Election

Q. Sir, do you think the Supreme Court will get involved in the Florida situation?

The President. I think the law on that is pretty clear, and there’s no point on my commenting on that. I don’t think I should comment about it.

Q. Thankful you’re not in this election this year? Wish you were?

The President. I think that the less I say about this right now, the better. I just want everybody who tried to vote—legally voted—to have their votes count, including the service people—everybody. I think that’s what they’re trying to do, and I hope there will be time to do it. I think that the position that I’ve taken on this all along is, we ought to just do the right thing and enfranchise everybody that could possibly