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Chairman, for your hard work. And we look forward to working with you.

Thank you all for coming.

Campaign Finance Reform

Q. Mr. President, on campaign finance reform—

The President. I'm talking about the budget today. There will be ample time to talk about bills in progress. Today I want America to hear, we're going to get a good budget out of the House, and we'll get a good budget out of the Senate. And it's

in the best interests of the working people that we do so.

Q. Will you say if there's—

The President. I'm talking about the budget today.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:46 a.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Representative William M. Thomas, chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means, and Senator Pete V. Domenici, chairman, Senate Budget Committee. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks in a Meeting With Crewmembers of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* March 28, 2001

Well, it's my honor to welcome to the Oval Office some of our leading scientists and entrepreneurs, space entrepreneurs. Ken, thank you very much for coming. These five folks represented our Nation well in space. They represent the best of the country—very capable, strong, smart citizens who understand that our Nation must always be exploring space. And I'm glad you all are here. Thanks for coming.

Thank you very much, sir, for being here, as well.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:56 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to *Atlantis* Mission Commander Kenneth D. Cockrell, Pilot Mark L. Polansky, and Specialists Thomas D. Jones, Comdr. Robert L. Curbeam, Jr., USN, and Marsha S. Ivins; and Administrator Daniel S. Goldin, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks in a Meeting With Technology Industry Leaders March 28, 2001

Thanks for coming. I appreciate that warm welcome. And welcome to the people's house. It's a nice place to live. [Laughter] And I'm glad I'm living here.

I want to thank Lezlee for all her hard work in putting together this group of leaders from around the country. I want to thank the members of the Cabinet who are here, some of whom you'll hear from in a little bit. Elaine Chao and Spence

Abraham and Paul O'Neill and Don Evans really represent the best of the country, and I really appreciate the fact that they've left their—left the private sector to serve the country. We've got a really good Cabinet. One of the lessons I learned in the private sector was, it's important to set an agenda and to delegate to good, honest people. And I have done so.