

resolution of claims. While I supported even stronger liability measures to strengthen our economy and believe that further reforms need to be pursued, this bill sig-

nificantly improves the legal system to prevent abusive lawsuits.

I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the National  
Emergency With Respect to Sudan  
*October 29, 2002*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: Letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 20. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting a  
Subsidy Budget Authority Request for American Trans Air, Inc.  
*November 18, 2002*

*Dear Mr. Speaker:*

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 2001, I hereby request the subsidy budget authority necessary to support a \$168 million Federal credit instrument for American Trans Air, Inc.

I hereby designate this subsidy budget authority, currently estimated at \$16.2 million, as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 252(e) of the Balanced Bud-

et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 20.