

get the card. If you don't qualify, you use the card anyway, because you're going to get your discounts. But you get \$600 additional a year help.

*Ms. Blackmore.* This is the only time I've been glad to be poor. [Laughter]

*The President.* Who's writing your material for you? [Laughter]

*Ms. Blackmore.* I'm not going to tell.

*The President.* We didn't have enough room on the stage—well, we have plenty of room. Anyway—[laughter]—Roberta Sims and Betty Sten is with us too. Where are you? There you go. Thanks for coming, ladies. I appreciate you all being here. She got her—Roberta got her card, and she used it at Liberty Wal-Mart on June the 5th. She purchased over \$300 in prescriptions and paid 22.62. That's a fact. It better be a fact. [Laughter] Betty got her card recently too and is going to save a lot of money, \$500.

In other words, this is important. The reason we're here is to share information. We're trying to fight through the clutter, the noise, so that people can understand that there is a great opportunity to take advantage of a good piece of legislation. That's what we're here to talk about.

We want our seniors to be able to have the benefits of modern medicine in a way that is best affordable. That's what we're here to talk about, and if you don't believe me, just listen to the two ladies here on the stage. They go to their pharmacies; they put down their money; and they've seen

the difference between what they had been charged and what they're paying now. And it's a real savings, and it's important savings. And I want to thank them for coming to share their stories. You have made the day much more credible—[laughter]—much more lively too.

Let me conclude by telling you this: I—you know, our country has been challenged. We're challenged to make sure that we're defended from an enemy that can't stand what we believe in. We're challenged because the economy has been through quite a bit. It's now getting better, I might add. We've been challenged in a lot of ways. Our hearts are challenged every day when we realize amidst our plenty there are people who hurt.

The thing I want to share with you and remind you about, that this great country can overcome any challenge we face. This is a great country because of the values we believe in. It's a great country because of the citizens who inhabit her. And there's nothing—there's not one thing we can't do together to make sure the world is more free, the country is secure, and America is the best possible place it can be for all our citizens to call home.

Thanks for greeting us today. I'm so honored you came. May God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:32 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Stephen P. Hawkins of Liberty, MO.

## Statement on Signing Legislation Supporting the Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization

June 14, 2004

Today, I have signed into law S. 2092, an Act concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization. The United States fully supports the participation of Taiwan in the work of the World

Health Organization, including observer status. The United States has expressed publicly its firm support for Taiwan's observer status and will continue to do so.

Consistent with the President's constitutional authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs, the Executive shall construe the Act to be consistent with the "one China" policy of the United States, which remains unchanged, and determine the measures best suited to advance the overall goal of Taiwan participation in the World Health Organization. The executive branch also shall construe the reporting requirement in section 1(c) of the Act in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to withhold information the disclosure of which could impair foreign

relations, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties. As a matter of comity, the Secretary of State will continue to keep the Congress appropriately informed of the matters addressed by the reporting requirement.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
June 14, 2004.

NOTE: S. 2092, approved June 14, was assigned Public Law No. 108-235.

## Memorandum on the Proposed Amendment to the United States/United Kingdom Agreement for Cooperation on the Use of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes

June 14, 2004

*Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense,  
the Secretary of Energy*

*Subject:* Proposed Amendment to the United States/United Kingdom Agreement for Cooperation on the Use of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes

I have reviewed and concur in the recommendations in your letter of June 7, 2004, recommending approval of a proposed amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes. I note from your joint recommendation and concur with your assessment that the United Kingdom, by participating with the United States pursuant to an international agreement, is making substantial and material contributions to the mutual defense and security. The proposed

Amendment will permit cooperation that will further improve our mutual defense posture and support our interests under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. I hereby:

- approve the proposed Amendment to the 1958 Agreement;
- determine that performance under the proposed Amendment will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security;
- approve the program outlined in this Amendment and determine that such program will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the mutual defense and security; and
- authorize the execution of the proposed Amendment for the Government of the United States in a manner specified by the Secretary of State.

GEORGE W. BUSH