

Statement on Congressional Passage of the “Project BioShield Act of 2004”
July 14, 2004

During this time of threat to the homeland, I commend Congress for passing the “Project BioShield Act of 2004.” This legislation will strengthen our ability to protect Americans against biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological threats. It will speed the Government’s ability to turn promising scientific discoveries into necessary countermeasures, provide for rapid stockpiling of critical new drugs and vaccines, and allow the Food and Drug Administration to make treatments available quickly to Americans

in emergency situations. By bringing researchers, medical experts, and the biomedical industry together in new and innovative ways, we will not only help protect the homeland but also gain insights into other diseases. This will break new ground in the search for treatments and cures, while strengthening our overall biotechnology infrastructure. I look forward to signing this vital piece of legislation.

NOTE: The statement referred to S. 15.

Remarks in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin
July 14, 2004

The President. Thank you all very much. Thanks for coming. Thanks for inviting me. It’s good to be here in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. Thank you so much.

We’ve been having a great bus tour. I’ve been traveling all across this important State asking for the vote. I’m here to ask for your help. What a fantastic trip we’ve had. I did stop at Leon’s Custard Shop. I also stopped in West Bend at Mick’s Candyman Store. It’s been a day of great excitement and high caloric intake. [*Laughter*] But I love being back here. It’s good to see the Cheeseheads coming in. I know it’s not the time of year, but I probably need to come back next fall, don’t I? One thing is for certain: The Green Bay area is Bush-Cheney country.

I’m here to ask for your help. Give me 4 more years; this country is going to be safer and stronger and better.

Audience members. Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

The President. I’m sorry Laura is not traveling with me today.

Audience members. Aw-w-w!

The President. That’s generally the reaction. [*Laughter*] I interpret that to mean, “Too bad she didn’t come and you didn’t stay at home.” [*Laughter*] I don’t blame you. She’s a fabulous woman. I’m really proud of her. She’s a wonderful First Lady. I’m going to tell you what I intend to do for 4 more years, but perhaps the best reason to put me back in is so she’ll be the First Lady for 4 more years. Fortunately, however, a member of my family is traveling with me today. I want to thank one of our daughters, Barbara, for coming today. Thank you for being here, Barbara.

I’m also traveling today with a great American, a person who served our country so well in my Cabinet, and a person you trained very well as your former Governor, and that’s Tommy Thompson.

You’ve got a really fine Congressman from this area. Congressman Mark Green is a decent, honorable man, and I appreciate his wife, Sue, joining us today. Thanks for coming, Sue. I’m glad you’re here.

State Treasurer Jack Voight is with us as well. I want to thank the mayors who