

House and through the Senate, with the excellent work that's already been done by Secretary Geithner in consultation with Larry Summers and Paul Volcker and other individuals, that we are going to be able to set up a regulatory framework that rights the ship and that gets us moving again. And I know the American people are eager to get moving again. They want to work. They are serious about their responsibilities. I am too, in this White House, and I hope that the folks on Wall Street are going to be thinking in the same way.

All right. Thank you, guys.

Super Bowl XLIII

Q. The Steelers or Cardinals, sir?

The President. I have to say, you know, I wish the Cardinals the best. Kurt Warner is a great story, and he's closer to my age than anybody else on the field, but I am a long-time Steelers fan. Mr. Rooney, the owner, was just an extraordinary supporter during the course of the cam-

paign. Franco Harris was campaigning for me in Pittsburgh. So—

Vice President Joe Biden. Coach signed up with you too. He's—[inaudible].

The President. Right, Coach Tomlin was a supporter. So I—you know, I wish the best to the Cardinals. They've been long suffering; it's a great Cinderella story. But other than the Bears, the Steelers are probably the team that's closest to my heart.

All right.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:27 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner; Lawrence H. Summers, Director, National Economic Council; Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board; Kurt Warner, quarterback, Arizona Cardinals; Daniel M. Rooney, chairman, Franco Harris, former running back, and Mike Tomlin, head coach, Pittsburgh Steelers.

*Statement on Former Governor Rod Blagojevich of Illinois
January 29, 2009*

Today ends a painful episode for Illinois. For months, the State had been crippled by a crisis of leadership. Now that cloud has lifted. I wish Governor Quinn the best and pledge my full cooperation as he undertakes his new responsibilities.

NOTE: The statement referred to Gov. Patrick J. Quinn of Illinois, who assumed the office of Governor upon former Governor Rod Blagojevich's conviction on Articles of Impeachment by the Illinois State senate.

*Statement on Congressional Passage of Health Care Legislation
January 29, 2009*

As the worsening economy causes families to lose their jobs and health insurance, it is vital that we redouble our efforts to ensure that every child in America has access to affordable health care. That is why I am pleased that the Senate has joined the House in passing bipartisan legislation to provide health insurance to children whose families have been hurt most by

this downturn. Providing health care to more than 10 million children through the Children's Health Insurance Program will serve as a down payment on my commitment to ensure that every American has access to quality, affordable health care.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 2.