

learning from the data that is being generated, that will then help the people of the United States. And it's a good metaphor, I think, for a whole range of issues, from climate change to poverty to terrorism, whatever the issue. So many of these issues now cross borders. We can't look at them in isolation, and that, I think, is going to be the basis for a strong working relationship in the future.

So thank you.

*The President's Visit to Chile*

Q. Last question. There is—there is in Latin America clearly——

Q. When are you coming to Chile?

*President Obama.* Sorry, everybody is——

Q. When are you coming to Chile? When are you——

*President Obama.* I'm looking forward to coming soon.

*Chilean Press Corps*

Q. President Obama, can you take a photograph with the Chilean press, please?

*President Obama.* A photograph with the press?

Q. Yes.

Q. Yes.

*President Obama.* Okay. Why don't we go outside?

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:22 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

Remarks Following a Meeting on Health Care Reform and an Exchange With Reporters

June 24, 2009

*The President.* All right. We all set? Well, I just wanted to thank the Governors that are represented here today, Governor Rounds, Gregoire, Douglas, Granholm, and Doyle. They are representative of the bipartisan group of Governors that hosted roundtables around the country on health care after some initial meetings that I had with the National Governors Association, in which every single Governor—Republican or Democrat; small State, big State—emphasized how important it was to reform our health care system to control costs, to assure choice of doctors and plans for individuals, and to make sure that we are providing high-quality care.

And all of them represent States that have done some terrific work, wonderful experiments, have seen successes. But all of these Governors also expressed to me, and I think heard from their constituencies, deep concerns about what the future holds. I think there's a recognition that when you have premiums doubling three times faster than wages, when you have businesses seeing 25- or 30-percent increases in terms of their health care costs for their employees, when you look at

Medicaid budgets and what that's forcing Governors to do in terms of making choices about trying to still fund higher education and the other things that are going to make States competitive, there's a recognition that we have to change the status quo.

And so they've reported back to me. There's no perfect unanimity across the table in terms of every single aspect of reform. I think everybody here wants to make sure that Governors have flexibility, that they have input into how legislation is being shaped on the Hill. But they have done my administration and, I think, the American people a terrific service in bringing some of these individual stories to us. And we're committed to working with them in the weeks and months to come to make sure that when we get health reform done, it is in partnership with the States where the rubber so often hits the road.

And one of the advantages they have, as Joe Biden put it, they've planted a mole inside our administration. [*Laughter*] Kathleen Sebelius, very recently a Governor, knows exactly what all of them are struggling with, and she and Nancy-Ann are going to be interacting with

them on a regular basis as we move this agenda forward.

So I want to thank them publicly. And I look forward to working with them to get this done for the American people and for the people of their respective States in the weeks to come.

Thank you. All right guys.

### *Health Care Reform*

Q. Is there any give in your deadline, Mr. President?

*The President.* We need to get it done.

Q. This year?

*The President.* We need to get it done this year.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:56 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. M. Michael Rounds of South Dakota; Gov. Christine O. Gregoire of Washington; Gov. James H. Douglas of Vermont; Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm of Michigan; Gov. James E. Doyle of Wisconsin; Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius; and Nancy-Ann DeParle, Director, White House Office of Health Reform.

## Statement on Signing the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 *June 24, 2009*

I want to thank the Members of Congress who put politics aside and stood up to support a bill that will provide for the safety of our troops and the American people. This legislation will make available the funding necessary to bring the war in Iraq to a responsible end, defeat ter-

rorist networks in Afghanistan, and further prepare our Nation in the event of a continued outbreak of the H1N1 pandemic flu.

NOTE: H.R. 2346, approved June 24, was assigned Public Law No. 111–32.

## Message to Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to North Korea *June 24, 2009*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency, declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2009.

The current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the

Korean Peninsula constitute a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and maintain certain restrictions with respect to North Korea and North Korean nationals that would otherwise have been lifted in Proclamation 8271 of June 26, 2008.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
June 24, 2009.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.