

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.