

voices and try to stay a little bit more focused on the issues at hand. All right?

Q. Will you talk with him if he decides to call you?

The President. Oh, I talk to everybody.

Q. Thank you.

The President. Absolutely.

All right? Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:24 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; Secretary of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner; Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis; Secretary of Commerce Gary F. Locke; and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks September 10, 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. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of Sep-

tember 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2009, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
September 10, 2009.

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

Remarks Honoring the 2009 Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins September 10, 2009

The President. Thank you. Please, everybody, have a seat.

First of all, I'm sorry to keep you guys waiting. I—the—I have all these things I've got to do—[*laughter*—as President. This is by far the most fun thing that I'm doing today. So welcome to the White House. We are extraordinarily pleased to have the world champion Pittsburgh Penguins with their third Stanley Cup.

Just a couple of acknowledgements in the house: Pittsburgh mayor, Luke Ravensahl—where's Luke? Where's the mayor? I thought he was around here. Well, he should be. [*Laughter*] Senator Bob Casey—is he around? Come on, Bob Casey; Senator Arlen

Specter in the house; Representative Mike Doyle—I know he's a fan; Representative Jason Altmire; Representative Chris Carney; Representative Tim Murphy; and Representative Glenn Thompson. And even though he's from Iowa, this guy grew up in Pittsburgh, is still a fanatic, and that is Secretary Tom Vilsack, Agricultural Secretary.

I have to say all of you look pretty good without your playoff beards. They're pretty good looking guys without all that. [*Laughter*] I want to congratulate all the fans back home who made Mellon Arena such a tough place for visiting teams this year. With the Steelers and the Penguins, I guess it's a good time to be a sports fan in Pittsburgh.