

and they must employ clear, simple standard payment dates and times. There are new protections for underage consumers, restrictions on double billing, and caps on high-fee cards. The new rules are an unprecedented step in my administration's ongoing efforts to strengthen consumer protections and enact meaningful financial reform.

These new rules don't absolve consumers of their obligation to pay their bills, but they finally level the playing field so that every family and small business using a credit card has the information they need to make responsible financial decisions.

Statement on Senate Cloture Vote on Job Growth Legislation *February 22, 2010*

The American people want to see Washington put aside partisan differences and make progress on jobs, and today the Senate took one important step forward in doing that. I'm grateful to the Democratic and Republican Senators who voted to support these investments in infrastructure and small businesses.

This is one of many efforts we need to tackle our economic challenges, and we will continue to work with Congress on additional job creation measures. Jobs remain our top priority, and I look forward to working with members from both parties to get legislation signed and the American people back to work.

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency Relating to Cuba and of the Emergency Authority Relating to the Regulation of the Anchorage and Movement of Vessels *February 23, 2010*

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 the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency declared with respect to the Government of

Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2010.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
February 23, 2010.

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

Remarks to the Business Roundtable *February 24, 2010*

Thank you. Thank you, Ivan, for the terrific introduction, which was short, and that's how I like it. [Laughter] I want to thank John for the great work that he's been doing with our team. And thank you all. Welcome to Washington. It

is wonderful to be back here with the men and women of the Business Roundtable.

Now, over the last year, we've worked together on a number of issues, from economic recovery and tax policy to education and to