

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:53 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Paul S. Otellini, president and chief executive officer, Intel

Corp.; and Gov. John A. Kitzhaber of Oregon. He also referred to his brother-in-law Craig M. Robinson.

Statement on the Situation in the Middle East *February 18, 2011*

I am deeply concerned by reports of violence in Bahrain, Libya, and Yemen. The United States condemns the use of violence by governments against peaceful protesters in those countries and wherever else it may occur. We express our condolences to the family and friends of those who have been killed during

the demonstrations. Wherever they are, people have certain universal rights, including the right to peaceful assembly. The United States urges the governments of Bahrain, Libya, and Yemen to show restraint in responding to peaceful protests and to respect the rights of their people.

Statement on Senator Jesse F. “Jeff” Bingaman, Jr.’s Decision Not To Seek Reelection *February 18, 2011*

From his time in the Army to his service as New Mexico’s attorney general and senior Senator, Jeff Bingaman has served this country and the people of New Mexico for more than three decades. He has been a tireless advocate for preserving America’s natural resources and promoting a clean energy future. Jeff has

gained the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in New Mexico and in Washington, and his voice on the floor of the Senate will be missed. Michelle and I offer Jeff our best wishes and deepest appreciation for his lifetime of service.

The President’s Weekly Address *February 19, 2011*

I’m speaking to you from just outside Portland, Oregon, where I’m visiting Intel, a company that helped pioneer the digital age. I just came from a tour of an assembly line where highly skilled technicians are building microprocessors that run everything from desktop computers to smartphones.

But these workers aren’t just manufacturing high-tech computer chips, they’re showing us how America will win the future. For decades, Intel has led the world in developing new technologies. But even as global competition has intensified, this company has invested, built, and hired right here in America. Three-quarters of Intel’s products are made by American workers. And as the company expands operations in Oregon and builds a new plant in Ari-

zona, it plans to hire another 4,000 people this year.

Companies like Intel are proving that we can compete, that instead of just being a nation that buys what’s made overseas, we can make things in America and sell them around the globe. Winning this competition depends on the ingenuity and creativity of our private sector, which was on display in my visit today. But it’s also going to depend on what we do as a nation to make America the best place on Earth to do business.

Over the next 10 years, nearly half of all new jobs will require education beyond high school, many requiring proficiency in math and science. And yet today, we’ve fallen behind in math and in science and in graduation rates. As a result,