

support your position. And regarding Darfur, we will exert our best effort to cooperate with you on finding the best way out. This has been a longstanding issue, but I think with our common capabilities, we will be able to achieve that goal.

[At this point, Amir Hamad spoke in English.]

And I will not forget to send your tickets for the World Cup. [Laughter]

President Obama. Thank you, my friend.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:50 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. Amir Hamad spoke in Arabic, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

## Statement on Signing the Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011 April 14, 2011

Today I was pleased to take another step to relieve unnecessary burdens on small businesses by signing H.R. 4 into law. Small-business owners are the engine of our economy, and because Democrats and Republicans worked together, we can ensure they spend their time and resources creating jobs and growing their business, not filling out more paperwork. I look

forward to continuing to work with Congress to improve the tax credit policy in this legislation, and I am eager to work with anyone with ideas about how we can make health care better or more affordable.

NOTE: H.R. 4, approved April 14, was assigned Public Law No. 112-9.

## Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Chicago, Illinois April 14, 2011

Hello, Chicago! Thank you. Thank you, everybody. It's good to be home. Thank you. All right, everybody have a seat. Everybody have a seat. You're making me blush. [Laughter]

We've got some very special guests here today. First of all, my former seatmate in the Illinois State Senate, who is doing gangbuster work all over the State, Attorney General Lisa Madigan is in the house. Where is Lisa? Where is she? There she is.

A guy who I basically follow around to see what he eats and drinks so I can look like him, somebody who never ages, always doing the right thing on behalf of communities all across the State, especially here in Chicago, Secretary of State Jesse White is in the house.

Our newly elected Cook County president, one of my earliest supporters, and also my former alderwoman—so I hope that my garbage is still being picked up—Toni Preckwinkle is in the house. She's around here somewhere.

And then I have to admit that I got a little confused. [Laughter] I walk in and there are these two guys talking, both of them very animated, both of them a little intimidating, even though they're not tall in stature. [Laughter] I was trying to figure out who I should bow to first. I decided to go with the current mayor—[laughter]—somebody who has done more to make Chicago not just a great American city, but a great world city, and his legacy is going to be deep and lasting, as deep and lasting as his father's was. We are grateful for his service, the mayor of the city of Chicago, Richard Daley.

Bill is doing okay, Rich. [Laughter] I mean, you know, there are times where he's still kind of figuring out where everything is—[laughter]—but overall he's making the grade. Of course, he had some big shoes to fill. And I could not be prouder of the job this man did on behalf of America as my Chief of Staff.

As Bill knows, there probably is not a harder job in Government than being Chief of Staff.