

This bill provides certainty to America's farmers and ranchers and contains a variety of commonsense reforms that my administration has consistently called for, including reforming and eliminating direct farm subsidies and providing assistance for farmers when they need it most. It will continue reducing our deficits without gutting the vital assistance programs millions of hard-working Americans count on to help put food on the table for their families. And it

will support conservation of valuable lands, spur the development of renewable energy, and incentivize healthier nutrition for all Americans. As with any compromise, the farm bill isn't perfect, but on the whole, it will make a positive difference not only for the rural economies that grow America's food, but for our Nation.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 2642.

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation in or in Relation to Côte d'Ivoire *February 4, 2014*

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, within 90 days 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 13396 of February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2014.

The situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire, which has been addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, and subsequent resolutions, has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and

unrest, and fatal attacks against international peacekeeping forces.

Since the inauguration of President Alassane Ouattara in May 2011, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire has made progress in advancing democratic freedoms and economic development. While the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress towards peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire continues to pose an 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 related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
February 4, 2014.

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

Statement on CVS Caremark Corporation's Decision To Stop Selling Tobacco Products *February 5, 2014*

I applaud this morning's news that CVS Caremark has decided to stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products in its stores and

begin a national campaign to help millions of Americans quit smoking instead. As one of the largest retailers and pharmacies in America,

CVS Caremark sets a powerful example, and today's decision will help advance my administration's efforts to reduce tobacco-related deaths, cancer, and heart disease, as well as bring down health care costs, ultimately saving lives and protecting untold numbers of families

from pain and heartbreak for years to come. I congratulate—and thank—the CEO of CVS Caremark, Larry Merlo, the board of directors, and all who helped make a choice that will have a profoundly positive impact on the health of our country.

Remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast February 6, 2014

The President. Thank you. Please, everyone have a seat and give an all praise and honor to God, who brought us here this morning.

Thank you so much for our two outstanding cochairs, Louie and Jan. And I have to say, I would have enjoyed a behind-the-scenes look at the two of these folks getting this breakfast organized this morning. [Laughter] But there does seem to be that sibling thing a little bit, Louie. [Laughter] They love each other, but they've got to go at each other a little bit. I, by the way, have always found Louie to be unbelievably gracious every time I've seen him. Now, I don't watch TV, I've got to admit, so—[laughter]. But he is a good man and a great storyteller, and Janice was just reminding me, the first time we saw each other was at one of my first events when I first ran for office.

It's wonderful to see all of the dignitaries and friends who are here today. To the Presidents and Prime Ministers, the leaders of business and the nonprofit community; to my incredible friend and Vice President, Joe Biden; to my Cabinet members who are here and members of the administration who do such great work every single day; to my fellow Hawaiian, it is wonderful to see you. I should tell you that I—my surfing is not that good. [Laughter] I just want to be clear.

Senator Mazie Hirono. But your bodysurfing—[inaudible].

The President. But my bodysurfing is pretty good. See, that—[laughter].

Sen. Hirono. That's just as fun. [Laughter]

The President. Yes, it is. [Laughter] And to Raj Shah, who is just such an incredible young leader and is out there every single day, I could not be more proud of his outstanding leadership at USAID. And it's a good reminder of the

dedicated public servants that I have the chance to interact with every single day. And they do great work, don't always get a lot of credit, sometimes get subject to the sort of criticism that you do when you're in public life, but Raj is single minded in terms of trying to help as many people as possible all around the world and is an extraordinary representative for our country. So I'm very, very proud of him, although he does always make me feel like an underachiever whenever I listen to him. [Laughter] I'm thinking, I should have been working harder and not slouching. [Laughter]

Dale Jones and everyone else who worked on this breakfast this morning, thank you, and obviously, I'm thrilled to be joined by my extraordinary wife, and she does a great job every single day keeping me in line.

Just two other thank yous. To our men and women in uniform all around the world, we pray for them, many of them doing such great work to keep us safe. And then there is one colleague of mine who is missing today. A great friend of mine who I came into the Senate with, Senator Tom Coburn. Tom is going through some tough times right now, but I love him dearly even though we're from different parties. And he's a little closer to Louie's political perspective than mine, but he is a good man, and I'm keeping him and his family in my prayers all the time. So just a shout-out to my good friend Tom Coburn.

So each time we gather, it's a chance to set aside the rush of our daily lives; to pause with humility before an Almighty God; to seek His grace; and mindful of our own imperfections, to remember the admonition of the Book of Romans, which is especially fitting for those of