

to return them on time. Otherwise, you'd get fined. So you guys don't even know how good you've got it. [*Laughter*]

I—my first computer I didn't get until I was at law school. I didn't get to use a computer—I didn't own one, but we—that was the first time that I was using computers. I was 27, 28 years old before I was regularly using a computer. And I didn't own my own computer until I was—I take that back. I guess I was about 26—25, 26 is when I started using a computer and actually was able to buy one.

So that just shows you how much more information you have at your fingertips and how much faster you can learn than old people like me. But you've got to take advantage of it. Remember what I said. We're going to make sure that every school has computers and every school has the kind of Internet connections so you can pull up stuff fast.

And you guys are part of a generation that can learn more, faster, and get information from around the world better than anybody in human history. You've got more information available on your phone than the great scholars of the past had in the biggest libraries in the world. You've got more just right there in that phone you got in your little back pocket. But you've still got to take advantage of it. You still got to want to learn. You've got to want to read, and be curious. And if you do, you guys are going to be incredible leaders in the future.

All right? Really proud of you. Thank you for the excellent questions.

Everybody give Osman a big round of applause. He was outstanding hosting.

Osman Yaya. And now his turn.

[*At this point, Osman Yaya turned toward the President and applauded.*]

The President. Thank you very much. You did a great job.

Osman Yaya. Any final words you want to say?

The President. No. I just want to say you guys are great, and I'm looking forward to seeing great things out of you. And for everybody who participated digitally, thank you for being a part of this.

Osman Yaya. Well, Mr. President, on behalf of Discovery Education, thank you for coming out today with us. And answers to any questions that we didn't get to will be on discoveryeducation.com/ofthepeople. And an archive of today's video, if your friends didn't get to see it, will be on that link also.

Thanks for watching, everybody.

The President. Good job.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:11 a.m. The remarks were broadcast online as part of Discovery Education's "Of the People" series.

Remarks on Signing the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015 *April 30, 2015*

It is a great pleasure to welcome some outstanding legislators and advocates on behalf of an issue that should always be bipartisan, and that is, making sure that we have the most energy-efficient economy in the world.

We've made great strides since the beginning of my administration on everything from doubling fuel efficiency standards on cars to incentivizing smarter policies when we build buildings so that they're not wasting as much energy. And thanks to the leadership of folks like Senators Shaheen and Portman and Ben-

net and Representative Welch and other folks who are here, what we've seen is a coming together of Republicans and Democrats who are going to facilitate us being much smarter in terms of building buildings, how we use energy. And as a consequence, we're going to save money for consumers, we're going to save money for businesses, and we're going to deal with issues like climate change that have an enormous economic and health impact on Americans as a whole.

So I very much appreciate the efforts of all the organizations involved here. Senator Fran-

ken, I should have mentioned him. He stands out. [Laughter] And I just want to say how much I appreciate the outstanding efforts that have been made in both Chambers and by both parties. I hope that we can use this to build even more progress in the future, because we've got a lot more work to do. There's a lot of low-hanging fruit; this is the area where we can have the greatest environmental impact while making sure that we're creating good

jobs and saving businesses and consumers money. So it's a win-win, and I very much appreciate the strong efforts that were made by everybody behind me here today.

With that, I'm going to sign this legislation.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:06 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. S. 535, approved April 30, was assigned Public Law No. 114-11.

Message to the Congress on the Recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission *April 30, 2015*

To the Congress of the United States:

My Administration fully supports the underlying objectives of the recommendations that the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (the "Commission") offered in January. These recommendations represent an important step forward in protecting the long-term viability of the All-Volunteer Force, improving quality-of-life for service members and their families, and ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the military compensation and retirement systems.

As I directed in my letter of March 30, my team has worked with the Commission to further analyze the recommendations and identify areas of agreement. At this time I am prepared to support specific proposals for 10 of the Commission's 15 recommendations, either as proposed or with modifications that have been discussed among the Department of Defense, other agencies, and the Commission. These include the following:

- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Financial Education
- Medical Personnel Readiness
- Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Collaboration
- Child Care
- Service Member Education

- Transition Assistance
- Nutritional Financial Assistance
- Dependent Space-Available Travel
- Report on Military Connected Dependents

In some instances, the Department of Defense is already taking actions to implement these recommendations, and I will direct the Department to develop plans to complete this implementation. In those areas where legislation is required, I expect the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the Congress on my behalf the relevant legislative proposals, which I recommend be enacted without delay.

With respect to the remaining recommendations, given their complexity and our solemn responsibility to ensure that any changes further the objectives above, we will continue working with the Commission to understand how the following proposals would affect the All-Volunteer Force:

- Blended Retirement System
- Reserve Component Duty Statuses
- Exceptional Family Member's Support
- Commissary and Exchange Consolidation

I believe there is merit in all of these recommendations and that they deserve careful