

know it cannot be defeated on the merits, to use a procedural vote to keep the American people from getting the police, from the kids from getting this prevention money, from the people from getting the “three strikes and you’re out law,” from the police from getting the help they need with the prisons, and all the rest of this. This is a good deal, and we’re not paying for it with a tax increase. We’re paying for it by reducing the size of the Federal bureaucracy by more than a quarter of a million between now and 1999.

And I want to plead with you to ask the Congress over the weekend not to let procedure get in the way of saving the lives and the future of the United States. We showed up here to make decisions. If anybody wants to vote against the crime bill, let them vote against it. There are people who are going to vote against it because they’re honestly opposed to capital punishment or because they’re honestly opposed to the assault weapons ban or because they’re honestly opposed to the prevention funds. Let them vote against it. That’s fine.

But do not let us pull another Washington, DC, game here and let this crime bill go down on some procedural hide-and-seek. If we’re going to have a shoot out, let’s do it in high noon, broad daylight, where everybody knows what the deal is.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:55 a.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Charles Quimby, manufacturing manager, Kenlee Precision Corp.; Frankie McLaurin, steelworker, Ellicott Machine Corp.; Robert Eaton, chairman and CEO, Chrysler Corp.; and Carol Bartz, chairman, CEO, and president, Autodesk, Inc.

Nomination for U.S. District Court Judges

August 5, 1994

The President today nominated two individuals to serve on the U.S. District Court: Robert N. Chatigny for the District of Connecticut and Judith D. McConnell for the Southern District of California.

“Each of these nominees has an exceptional record of legal achievement,” the

President said. “I know they will serve on the Federal bench with distinction.”

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for an Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs

August 5, 1994

The President has formally submitted to the Senate the nomination of Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer as Under Secretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Dr. Kizer brings a wide range of clinical and administrative expertise to the VA at a time when tested leadership will be crucial to the Department’s success in the framework of national health care reform,” the President said.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Independence, MO, where they met with families from the State who have problems with the current health care system. They then toured the Harry S. Truman Library in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Cleveland, OH, where they attended a fundraising dinner for senatorial candidate Joel Hyatt at a private residence. Following the dinner, they returned to Washington, DC.

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In the morning, the President traveled to Jersey City, NJ, where he met with families from the State who have problems with the