

once you know the alternatives. If these health care cuts come to my desk, of this size, I would have no choice but to veto it. [Applause]

But let me say this: What always, always becomes the news every day is what the new fight is, what the new conflict is. We ought to be here to build a bridge. I can't believe anyone would willingly, willingly damage the seniors of this country, the Americans with disabilities, the children of this country as much as I believe this proposal will damage them, especially to pay for a tax cut that is too large, when we can have a targeted tax cut for education and child-rearing for middle class families without doing any of this, when we can balance the budget without doing any of this, when we can save the Medicare Trust Fund without doing any of this.

So I ask you to—I'm glad you cheered and I'm glad you clapped, but there is a bridge to be built here. We can get all Americans on the solution side of this problem. We can get Republicans and Democrats on the solution side of this problem. It is not too late. We have a few weeks here. But first, the American people must know the facts. So I implore you—most of you know so much about this you just assume other people do, too. And it is a very powerful thing to tell an average American working family that deeply believes in this country that we've got to do what it takes to save Medicare. That's a powerful thing. Well, we do. But this is not what it takes to save Medicare, this proposal that we're opposed to.

So I ask you, stand up for what you believe. Fight for what you believe. Know that I'll be there for you if it comes to crunch time. And if I have to use the veto pen, I will. But go out there and build a bridge. Start it with the facts, the evidence, the truth. Ask people to come to grips with the truth. And ask them what our obligations are to one another. Ask them why we're balancing the budget and don't we have to balance the budget consistent with our desire for strong families, for honoring the people who have made this country what it is today, and for building a better future for our children, whether they're rich or poor.

That, I think, ought to be the message. If so, we'll wind up building that bridge and making this country stronger.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE. The President spoke at 3:41 p.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Executive Order 12971—
Amendment to Executive Order
No. 12425**

September 15, 1995

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend the appropriate privileges, exemptions, and immunities upon the International Criminal Police Organization (“INTERPOL”) it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 12425 be amended by deleting, in the first sentence, the words “the portions of Section 2(d) and” and the words “relating to customs duties and federal internal-revenue importation taxes”.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 15, 1995.

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**Proclamation 6824—National
Rehabilitation Week, 1995**

September 15, 1995

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

National Rehabilitation Week offers us a unique opportunity each year to measure our progress on the long road to creating a totally accessible society in America. This year, as we also mark the 5th anniversary of the