

consequence in every single policy area you can think of.

You know, we've got 1.3 million fewer people on welfare than we had 4 years ago. We've got 1.5 million fewer people on food stamps. I'm all for looking for new and innovative ways to move people from welfare to work. That's why I signed that welfare bill. But it was wrong of the Congress to deny any access to benefits to legal immigrants who work here and pay taxes and through no fault of their own get in trouble.

You know, you think about it Monday when you go to work, how many people come here and they work hard and they pay their taxes and through no fault of their own they get in a car wreck or they develop some serious illness. And this Congress wants to say to people they shouldn't even be entitled to a little help, even if they've been paying their taxes, even if they've been in the military, legal immigrants that join the military.

Don't let this election become an excuse to divide us from anybody who is here lawfully, obeying the law, paying their taxes, doing their part; we ought to go and grow together. We shouldn't be divided on this. Don't do that.

If you want to know what we're going to do in the next 4 years, I'll tell you what we're going to do. We've gotten our house in order in the first 4 years. In the second 4 years, we're going to be dedicated to giving every single American the chance to participate in the economy that is emerging, to participate in the society that is emerging, and to know that we can grow the economy and preserve the environment and to know that we can be fair to our children and our parents and still have enough left for ourselves. We, in short, are going to go forward together. We are not going to be divided. And that is the central decision facing the American people.

There is too much out there for all of us, if we'll just keep our heads on straight, listen to our heart, and say we're going to do it together. That's the spirit that we celebrated in the Olympics, and we need to make American life more that way.

Thank you, and God bless you all. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:04 p.m. at the Armand Hammer Museum of Art. In his remarks, he referred to comedienne Whoopi Goldberg and former NBA basketball player Earvin (Magic) Johnson. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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.

August 5

The President announced the designation of Marcia E. Miller as Chair, and Lynn Munroe Bragg as Vice Chair, of the International Trade Commission.

The President announced the nomination of Susan G. Esserman to be General Counsel at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced the nomination of Niranjana S. Shah to the Board of Directors for the National Institute of Building Sciences.

August 6

In the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden in the Oval Office.

The White House announced that the President signed legislation providing \$12 million to help investigate and solve church arson.

August 7

In the morning, the President met with members of the Club Des Chefs Des Chefs in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Jose, CA. In the evening, he attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at a private residence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Chaskel O. Besser to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The White House announced that the President ratified the Agreement for the Im-

plementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

August 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Salinas, CA, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Los Angeles.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee dinner at a private residence. He then traveled to Santa Monica.

The President announced that Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala will appoint Judith A. Billings and Michael T. Isbell to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

August 9

In the early afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Los Angeles to Jackson Hole, WY, for vacation.

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International Enforcement Mark Richard and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director International Economic Affairs (NEC/NSC) Robert Kyle on the President's proposed international crime control legislation

Fact sheet on the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996

Fact sheet on the "International Crime Control Act of 1996"

Fact sheet entitled, "American Security: President Clinton's Comprehensive Strategy To Fight Terrorism"

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 3

Announcement of the President's letter to the Speaker of the House on illegal immigration legislation

Released August 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released August 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the President's meeting with Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden

Statement of Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing that the President signed legislation providing \$12 million for investigation of church burnings

Released August 7

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing U.S. ratification of the the international fisheries conservation agreement

Released August 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry