

And when that happens, the people of this country are going to start calling up the Congress men and women and saying, “We have got a problem. Why are you waiting? We have got a problem, and we expect you in good faith to work with the White House to come up with a solution so we can say to our grandchildren, ‘This system, the safety net will be there for you.’” The safety net has been great for a lot of folks, but it’s got a hole in it. And now is the time for people who’ve run for office to serve our country to come together and fix that hole for generations to come.

I want to thank you for giving me a chance to be here. God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:35 p.m. at Auburn University. In his remarks, he referred to Guin Nance, chancellor, Auburn University Montgomery; former Mayor Emory McCord Folmar of Montgomery, AL; Gov. Bob Riley of Alabama, and his wife, Patsy; Beth Rogers, wife of Representative Mike Rogers; and President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority.

Statement on Senate Action on Bankruptcy Reform Legislation

March 10, 2005

I applaud the strong bipartisan vote in the Senate to curb abuses of the bankruptcy system. By reforming the system with this commonsense approach, more Americans—especially lower-income Americans—will have greater access to credit. I urge the House to act quickly on bankruptcy legislation.

Executive Order 13373— Amendments to Executive Order 11926 Relating to the Vice Presidential Service Badge

March 10, 2005

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Amendments to Executive Order 11926.* Executive Order 11926 of July 19, 1976, as amended by Executive Order

13286 of February 28, 2003, is further amended as follows:

- (a) in section 1, by striking “and Coast Guard” and inserting in lieu thereof “Coast Guard, commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and commissioned corps of the Public Health Service”;
- (b) in section 1, by inserting “, or who have been assigned to perform duties predominantly for the Vice President for a period of at least one year subsequent to January 20, 2001, in the implementation of Public Law 93–346, as amended, or in military units and support facilities to which section 1 of Executive Order 12793 of March 20, 1992, as amended, refers” immediately preceding the period;
- (c) in section 2, by striking “Military Assistant to the Vice President” and inserting in lieu thereof “Vice President’s designee (with the concurrence of the Director of the White House Military Office in the case of personnel in military units or support facilities to which section 1 of Executive Order 12793, as amended, refers)”;
- (d) in section 2, by inserting “and, in the case of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service so assigned, by the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary of Health and Human Services, respectively” immediately preceding the period;
- (e) in section 5, by adding at the end of the section “No award shall be made to an individual under this Order based on a period of service with respect to which, in whole or in part, the individual was awarded the Presidential Service Badge.”;
- (f) in section 6, by striking “and Coast Guard,” and inserting in lieu thereof “Coast Guard, commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.”;