

Statement on House of Representatives Passage of the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement

July 28, 2005

I am proud that the House of Representatives has acted to advance America's economic and national security interests by passing the CAFTA-DR agreement. CAFTA helps ensure that free trade is fair trade. By lowering trade barriers to American goods in Central American markets to a level now enjoyed by their goods in the U.S., this agreement will level the playing field and help American workers, farmers, and small businesses. The agreement is more than a trade bill; it is a commitment of freedom-loving nations to advance peace and prosperity throughout the Western Hemisphere. We have a moral obligation and a vital national security interest in helping the democracies of Central America and the Dominican Republic succeed, and CAFTA furthers that goal. I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

Statement on House of Representatives Passage of Medical Liability Reform Legislation

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I am pleased that the House of Representatives has again passed medical liability reform legislation. The Nation's medical liability system is badly broken, as frivolous lawsuits are threatening access to quality health care and raising health care costs for all Americans. The medical liability crisis is driving up health care costs through higher insurance premiums, higher medical bills, and the practice of defensive medicine. This crisis also is imposing substantial costs on the Federal Government and all taxpayers who bear the cost of Medicare and Medicaid. The liability crisis is driving good doctors out of medicine and leaving patients in many communities without access to both basic and specialty medical services. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. For the sake of all Americans, it is time for

the Senate to pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

Memorandum on Reimbursement to the Office of the United States Trade Representative

July 28, 2005

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Reimbursement to the Office of the United States Trade Representative

Pursuant to the authority in title III of division H of Public Law 108-447, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, and in section 108 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby authorize the transfer from the appropriation, "Unanticipated Needs:"

To	Amount
Executive Office of the President, Office of the United States Trade Representative	\$493,000

To defray expenses incurred by the mission of the United States Trade Representative to Geneva for additional security requirements.

I hereby determine that this expenditure is necessary to meet unanticipated needs in furtherance of the national interest.

George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 29.

Remarks on Signing the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005

July 29, 2005

Welcome. Good morning. In a few moments, I'll have the honor of signing the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005. This bill is a critical step toward our goal of ensuring top-quality, patient-driven health care for all Americans.