somebody to go to work, instead of to stay idle and draw that same amount of money.

There are lots of things like this that can be done. You can do it. And I believe we are going to pass welfare reform legislation, and I think when you take a stand here today saying that we ought to—that the Senate bill was a good bill, I thought, and I thought far superior on most points to the one that came out of the conference that I vetoed, but it had some problems and the biggest one for most States was the child care problem. You have addressed that here. And you have said, okay, be tough on people; make them go to work, but don’t ask them to hurt their children. That’s all any American could ever ask. And I think when you do that, you are going to give us a real chance to pass welfare reform, and I thank you for that.

So I would say, again, I think you’ve had a pretty good meeting here. I think you have contributed to the climate that will help us to balance the budget. You have contributed immeasurably to helping us to resolve the impasse over Medicaid. You have contributed to the impulse to move to genuine welfare reform. We can do all these things if we do them together. Let me say again, every time this country works together, every time we reach across the lines that divide us, we never fail. We dissipate cynicism; we dissipate mistrust; we dissipate anxiety; we dissipate anger every time we do that.

Abraham Lincoln said this a long time ago: “We can succeed only by concert. It is not ‘Can any of us imagine better,’ but ‘Can we all do better.’” The Governors always attempt to answer that question with a resounding “yes.”

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:25 a.m. at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to the following Governors: John Engler of Michigan, George Voinovich of Ohio, Terry Branstad of Iowa, Paul Patton of Kentucky, and Roy Romer of Colorado.

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