

on offense. And I don't mean to hurt anybody else. I don't see this as necessarily a big political winner for us. I'm not interested in the politics of this. I'm just talking about what's right for the children and the future of this country.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:50 a.m. in Plaza One at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Glenn D. Lowry, director, The Museum of Modern Art.

Message to the Congress Transmitting Line Item Vetoes of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998

November 1, 1997

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (Public Law 105-65; H.R. 2158). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget

deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
November 1, 1997.

NOTE: The reports detailing the cancellations were published in the *Federal Register* on November 4.

Message to the Congress Transmitting Line Item Vetoes of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998

November 1, 1997

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (Public Law 105-66; H.R. 2169). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget

deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
November 1, 1997.

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