

Statement on Signing Legislation on the Codification of Laws Related to
Public Buildings, Property, and Works
August 23, 2002

I have signed into law H.R. 2068, a bill “to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40, United States Code, ‘Public Buildings, Property, and Works.’” This measure is the latest in a series that is intended to enact all titles of the United States Code into positive law.

In approving this bill, I note that section 312(b)(2), concerning cert in transfers of funds for equipment purchases, and section 3305(a)(3), concerning the use of land as a site for a public building, state that the executive branch may take action only after receiving the approval of certain committees of Congress. The constitutional requirement of bicameralism and presentment is infringed whenever a single house, committee, or agent of Congress attempts

to direct the execution of the laws or to promulgate rules or standards intended to bind the actions of executive or administrative officials that have not been approved by both houses and presented to the President. *INS v. Chadha*, 462 U.S. 919, 958–59 (1983). The executive branch will therefore interpret these and similar provisions to require advance notification only, since any other interpretation would contradict the Supreme Court’s ruling in *INS v. Chadha*.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,
August 23, 2002.

NOTE: H.R. 2068, approved August 21, was assigned Public Law No. 107–217.

Remarks at a Reception for Gubernatorial Candidate Bill Simon in
Dana Point, California
August 23, 2002

The President. Thank you all very much. Thanks for inviting me. We don’t have views like this in Crawford. [*Laughter*] What a beautiful spot this is, in a fantastic State. And thanks for coming tonight. It is my honor to come and help support the fine slate of candidates that our party is fielding this year. And it’s my honor to come and support the next Governor of the State of California, Bill Simon.

Bill mentioned that Laura was out here working for—on his behalf. And that day he drew the long straw, and today—[*laughter*]—you drew the short one. [*Laughter*] But she’s doing great. I had a talk with her when we got settled into this beautiful

spot. And yesterday in Leander, Texas, they named an elementary school for her. So she thought it would be good—and deservedly so, I might say.

You know, when I married Laura, she was a public school librarian. That’s how she made her living. She was a public school librarian, and the truth of the matter is, she didn’t care for politics or politicians. [*Laughter*] And now she got stuck with one. [*Laughter*] For the good of the country, she’s a fabulous First Lady. I’m proud of her. Just like Cindy Simon is going to be a great first lady for California.

I like the way the Simons value family. That’s important for your leader of the