

Federal Government has the power under certain extreme circumstances to waive some or all of it. There are other losses that simply aren't covered by any Federal law. So there is a big distinction to be drawn between the aggregate loss and what is normally compensable by our Federal programs. The second thing I want to emphasize in this, that some of these losses can be covered by the ongoing programs in the Federal Government. And I guess I should add a final point, which is that we won't know the total dimensions of the Federal—excuse me, the agricultural losses, until very near the beginning of the next fiscal year. So some of them may come in the next fiscal year as well.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:20 p.m. at the Capitol. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Proclamation 6580—Captive Nations Week, 1993

July 15, 1993

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

Since 1959, when the Congress designated the third week of July as "Captive Nations Week," Americans have set aside this week to remember those who suffer under the yoke of oppressive governments. Many brave people who sought freedom and liberty brought down these totalitarian regimes, and this week we recognize their sacrifices. But we must also rededicate ourselves to those who are still struggling in regions of the world where human rights and individual liberties are not upheld.

Over two centuries ago our forefathers fought for the cause of freedom and democracy, and these ideals have continued to be embraced by nations around the world. As America declared its independence, our country provided inspiration for all those who did not enjoy the rights that we held to be self-evident. We cannot abandon those we

have encouraged. Our efforts in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe have been rewarded by a wave of freedom throughout the region. Furthermore, these nations have proven their resolve and commitment to the difficult and frustrating transition to democratic, market-oriented systems that respect individual, social, political, and economic rights.

Yet today not everyone is free. There are still oppressive and authoritarian governments entrenched elsewhere in the world. Others are struggling for freedom and democracy, but need our help. Many nations in Latin America and Africa have been slower to introduce change. Tragically, even those in Europe are still threatened by atrocities fueled by ethnic hatred. For this reason, we must always remember the abuses that captive peoples have endured, continue to promote individual liberties, and call upon the nations of the world to protect human rights.

The Congress, by Joint Resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the third week in July of each year as "Captive Nations Week."

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 11 through July 17, 1993, as Captive Nations Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In doing this, I rededicate America to supporting the cause of human rights, democracy, peace, freedom, justice, and prosperity for all.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation was published in the *Federal Register* on July 19.

Nominations for the Environmental Protection Agency

July 15, 1993

The President announced his choices for five key positions at the Environmental Protection Agency today, declaring his intention to nominate Jonathan Cannon to be the Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management and the Chief Financial Officer; Elliot Laws to be Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Mary Nichols to be Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation; Robert Perciasepe to be Assistant Administrator for Water; and Shelly Metzenbaum to be Associate Administrator for Regional Operations and State/Local Relations.

"This outstanding group of people, added to the already strong team at EPA, will work together with Administrator Carol Browner to continue building a stronger and more vibrant Agency," said the President. "Each of these five individuals has expertise in environmental issues, meaningful Government experience, and most importantly, a strong commitment to protecting our Nation's precious natural resources."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nominations for the Department of Energy

July 15, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Martha Krebs and Corlis Moody to senior positions at the Department of Energy. Krebs will be Director of the Office of Energy Research, and Moody will be the Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce these nominations today," said the President. "Martha Krebs has demonstrated tremendous leadership capacity as an administrator of one of our country's most important research facilities and a senior congressional aide. As for Corlis Moody, Secretary O'Leary knows better than anyone the high quality of work that she has done in the past and

is capable of doing at the Department of Energy. I welcome both of their service."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nominations for the Agency for International Development

July 15, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator for Asia and Douglas Stafford, Assistant Administrator for Food and Humanitarian Affairs at the Agency for International Development, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

"With their dual experience in the field of foreign affairs and understanding of the good global assistance can do, I am certain both Margaret and Doug will work hard to fulfill AID's mission of providing economic and humanitarian assistance to the developing world," the President said.

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Inspector General of the United States Information Agency

July 16, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate attorney Marian Bennett as Inspector General at the United States Information Agency.

"I am pleased today to name Marian Bennett to this important post at USIA," the President said. "I am certain she will work hard to ensure USIA is a tight-run operation up to the task of its mission to promote democracy and freedom abroad."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.