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know my plan will work if we share responsibility and cover everybody.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:20 p.m. from Room 459 of the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Connie Chung, luncheon emcee; Nancy Maynard, cofounder, Maynard Institute; and Wilma Mankiller, chief, Sioux nation.

Statement on Action in the House of Representatives on Health Care Reform Legislation

July 29, 1994

Hard working middle class Americans have moved a step closer to real health security today. House Speaker Foley and Majority Leader Gephardt said they would put forward a bill that achieves universal coverage and controls costs. They have met their goal and the goal of the American people.

The House bill tells the American people that they have been heard. The bill is simpler, more flexible, and more sensitive to the needs of small business. Gone is the bureaucracy they didn't like. Protections for small businesses have been strengthened. And the bill is being phased in over a longer period. All Americans can keep their health plan and doctor, and everyone will have coverage.

The bill also recognizes that shared responsibility is the best way to achieve universal coverage. It works. Building on the current system where 9 out of 10 Americans receive private insurance through the workplace just makes sense. It works abroad, and it's supported here at home by the AMA, AARP, AFL–CIO, hundreds of thousands of big and small businesses and a majority of the American people.

Speaker Foley, Majority Leader Gephardt, the committee and subcommittee chairs and many Members of the House should be commended for their tireless work to fashion a bill to go to the House floor. They chose a pragmatic and more moderate path; they've achieved the shared goal of universal coverage, and it works for ordinary Americans.

The time has come to pull together and work in a bipartisan manner to deliver guaranteed health care coverage to all Americans.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Hot Springs, AR, to attend his high school class reunion.

July 24

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 25

In the afternoon, the President hosted a working lunch for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and King Hussein of Jordan at Blair House.

July 26

In the evening, the President attended a fundraiser for Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York at the Sheraton Carlton.

The White House announced the President has asked the Reverend Jesse Jackson to travel to Nigeria to convey the President's concerns over the absence of progress toward the restoration of civilian democracy there.

July 27

In the morning, the President met with a group of chief executive officers.

The President asked Secretary of Defense William Perry and Commander of U.S. Forces in Europe General George Joulwan to travel to Zaire and Uganda to inspect Rwandan refugee relief operations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Martin J. Dickman as Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul Kaminski to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph F. Baca, Robert N. Baldwin, Jennifer Hauge, Florence K. Murray, and William M. Paparian as members of the State Justice Institute.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Cooperation for National Service:

—Andrea Brown;
—Thomas Ehrlich;
—Chris Evert;
—Christopher Gallagher;
—Teresa Heinz;
—Christine Hernandez;
—Reatha Clark King;
—Carol Kinsley;
—Leslie Lenkowsky;
—Marlee Matlin;
—Gerald McEntee;
—Arthur Naparstek;
—John Rother;
—Walter Shorenstein.

July 29

In the afternoon, the President met with American Legion Boys Nation representatives in the East Room.

The President transmitted to the Congress requests for emergency fiscal year 1994 appropriations that would provide funds that would assist in the humanitarian relief efforts for refugees of hostilities in Rwanda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gil Coronado as the first Hispanic Director of the Selective Service System.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bernard Hansen as Commissioner, George Frampton as Federal Government Commissioner, and David Dempsey as Alternate Commissioner to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission: United States Section.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following members of the Advisory Commission on Western Resources.

To serve as a member and Chair:
Denise D. Fort

To serve as members:
Bruce Babbitt
Togo West
Huali G. Chai
Janet C. Neuman
Jack Robertson
Harriett M. Wieder
John E. Echohawk
Patrick O'Toole

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 26

James W. Swihart, Jr.,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lithuania.

Henry L. Young,
of Texas, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice W. Bruce Beaty.

Richard Holbrooke,
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, vice Stephen A. Oxman.

Submitted July 27

David George Newton,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen.

Anthony S. Earl,
of Wisconsin, to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, vice Randolph J. Agley, resigned.

Gary Niles Kimble,
of Montana, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services (new position).

Submitted July 28

Diana E. Murphy,
of Minnesota, to be U.S. circuit judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice John R. Gibson, retired.