

products if they continue to participate effectively in this international program.

One of the major provisions of this Act is the change in the definition of the standard for the "dolphin-safe" label affixed to canned tuna sold in the United States. The definition of dolphin-safe will be changed to mean that no dolphins were killed or seriously injured during harvesting of the tuna. The label change will take effect in March 1999 unless the Secretary of Commerce determines that tuna fishing by encircling dolphins has a significant adverse impact on dolphin stocks. United States policy on this question has been and will continue to be based on the best available scientific information.

Unfortunately, H.R. 408 also contains provisions that could be construed to direct how the Nation's foreign affairs should be conducted. The Constitution vests the President with special authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs, and this authority necessarily entails the exercise of discretion. Thus, section 4(e), that portion of section 6(c) that amends section 302 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and section 7(c) will be construed to be advisory within the executive branch.

In approving H.R. 408, I would like to recognize Congressmen Gilchrest, Cunningham, Saxton, Cardin, and Green and Senators Breaux, Stevens, McCain, Kerry, Snowe, and Hollings for their efforts in the passage of this legislation.

The strictly enforced dolphin protection regime that this Act endorses is a model of effective international cooperation on an important environmental matter, and I am pleased to sign it.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
August 15, 1997.

NOTE: H.R. 408, approved August 15, was assigned Public Law No. 105-42.

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.

August 12

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

August 13

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirk Robertson as the Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas Eakeley to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate former Senator Sam Nunn as Co-Chair and David Campbell, Charles Lee, and Elvin Moon as members of the Advisory Committee to the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

August 15

In the morning, the President met with foreign policy advisers to discuss the Middle East. In the afternoon, he met with the advisers to discuss Bosnia.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Office of Management and Budget Director Franklin Raines, and National Economic Adviser Gene Sperling on aspects of balanced budget legislation

Released August 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Planning Bruce Reed, and Welfare to Work Foundation president Eli Segal on the reduction in the number of people on welfare rolls

Released August 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy Chris Jennings, on proposed FDA regulations on safe and effective use of medication to treat children

Released August 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Guidelines on religious exercise and religious expression in the Federal workplace

Released August 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of remarks by the First Lady at the National Archives and Records Administration announcing the White House Millennium Program

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved August 11

H.R. 1198 / Public Law 105-39
To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon

H.R. 1944 / Public Law 105-40
Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997

H.R. 584 / Private Law 105-2
For the relief of John Wesley Davis

Approved August 13

H.R. 1585 / Public Law 105-41
Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act

Approved August 15

H.R. 408 / Public Law 105-42
International Dolphin Conservation Program Act