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talks in Northern Ireland; and Mary Robinson, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Message on the Observance of Labor Day, 1998

September 4, 1998

For more than a century, we have set aside this time each year to pay tribute to America's working men and women. We honor the heroes of our past, who built our great cities, bridges, and railways; who cleared the fields and plowed the farms to feed our nation and the world; who climbed down mine shafts and up the skeletons of skyscrapers to keep America growing. We honor those men and women of conscience who fought for fair wages, decent working conditions, and equal opportunity for all.

And we honor workers across America today, who are the heart of our nation and the engine of our dynamic economy. In large part because of their efforts, productivity, and commitment to excellence, our nation is enjoying unprecedented growth and prosperity. Our economy is the best it has been in a generation. Inflation and unemployment are at their lowest levels in nearly 30 years, while real wages are growing at the fastest rate in a quarter-century.

Yet, in the spirit of those who came before us, we must not become self-satisfied or complacent. As we celebrate Labor Day, let us recommit ourselves to raising the minimum wage, to promoting training and continuing education for workers, to providing affordable health care to every family, and to building a stronger national community of people who believe in the value of work and who recognize the importance of maintaining dignity and justice for those who perform it. By doing so, we can make the American Dream a reality for all our people and build a brighter future for our children.

Best wishes to all for a memorable holiday.

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This message was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 4.

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 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC, from Martha's Vineyard, MA, arriving in the afternoon.

August 31

In the morning, the President traveled to Herndon, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC. Later, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Moscow, Russia, arriving the following morning.

September 1

In the morning, the President participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Kremlin. Later, he presented the members of the U.S. delegation to President Boris Yeltsin of Russia in the Presidential Study at the Kremlin, after which the two Presidents had a separate meeting.

In the afternoon, the President had a working luncheon with President Yeltsin in the Presidential Living Room at the Kremlin. Later, the President and Hillary Clinton met with American business leaders at Moscow State University.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended an official dinner hosted by President Yeltsin in Catherine Hall at the Kremlin.

The President announced his intention to appoint Roy A. Stein as Commissioner of the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission.

September 2

In the morning, the President met with President Yeltsin in the Presidential Study at the Kremlin.

September 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Later, he met with First Minister David Trimble and Deputy

First Minister Seamus Mallon of the Northern Ireland Assembly in Room 106 of the Parliament Building.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Omagh, Northern Ireland. In the evening, they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony on Market Street. Later, they traveled to Armagh, Northern Ireland, and then to Dublin, Ireland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Swerdzewski to be General Counsel at the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anita K. Jones, Pamela A. Ferguson, and Robert C. Richardson to be members of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

September 4

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Shannon, Ireland.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Bonnie on August 25–September 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Bonnie on August 25–September 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Earl on September 3.

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 August 31

Peter J. Basso, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Louise Frankel Stoll, resigned.

H. Dean Buttram, Jr.,
of Alabama, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, vice Robert B. Propst, retired.

Inge Prytz Johnson,
of Alabama, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, vice James H. Hancock, retired.

Submitted September 2

Robert Bruce Green,
of Oklahoma, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of 4 years, vice John W. Raley, Jr., retired.

Mary A. Ryan,
of Texas, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Submitted September 3

Pamela A. Ferguson,
of Iowa, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice Shirley Mahaley Malcom, term expired.

Anita K. Jones,
of Virginia, to be a member of the National Science Board, Nation Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice F. Albert Cotton, term expired.

Robert C. Richardson,
of New York, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice James L. Powell, term expired.

Joseph Swerdzewski,
of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of 5 years (reappointment).