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seek to promote clinic violence while shielding themselves from personal liability and responsibility. It is critical that we shut down this abusive use of our bankruptcy system and prevent endless litigation that threatens the court-ordered remedies owed to victims of clinic violence. The Senate was right in its bipartisan vote of 80–17 to adopt an amendment that would effectively close down any potential for this abuse of the Bankruptcy Code. Nonetheless, this critical provision was dropped from the final bill without public debate, and I fail to understand why the bill's proponents refuse to include this consensus provision to shut down the use of bankruptcy to avoid responsibility for clinic violence.

On the positive side, the bill would improve credit card disclosures—although more can and should be done—and impose limitations on misleading creditor practices that encourage debtors to reaffirm dischargeable debts on potentially unfavorable terms. However, these beneficial provisions are outweighed by the bill's flaws and omissions.

I would have signed a balanced bankruptcy reform bill that addressed known abuses, without tilting the playing field against those debtors who genuinely turn to bankruptcy for a fresh start. I have withheld my approval of H.R. 2415 because it does not strike the right balance.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

December 19, 2000.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on United States Participation in the United Nations

December 19, 2000

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report of the participation of the United States in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during calendar year 1999. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 79-264).

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

Memorandum on Assistance to the Government of Serbia and the Government of Montenegro

December 19, 2000

Presidential Determination No. 2001–07

Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury

Subject: Presidential Certification to Waive Application of Restrictions on Assistance to the Government of Serbia and the Government of Montenegro

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, including section 1511 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160), I hereby certify to the Congress that I have determined that the waiver of the application of subsections 1511(b) and (c) of Public Law 103–160 is necessary to achieve a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina that is acceptable to the parties, to the extent that such provisions apply to the furnishing of assistance to the Government of Serbia and to the support of assistance from international financial institutions to the Government of Serbia and the Government of Montenegro.

Therefore, I hereby waive the application of these provisions with respect to such assistance and support. The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this determination to the Congress and arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register.*

William J. Clinton

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 20.