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stuck. They're playing politics with the national energy policy.

But if we're interested in making sure people can find work in America, if we want to be the best place to do business, if we want the entrepreneurial spirit to remain strong, we've got to develop an energy policy that makes us less dependent on foreign sources of energy.

I've told you Ed relies upon trade. He's moving used Cats, used John Deere, and used Case equipment overseas. He said when you look at it, you can't tell it's used, though, because he's got such good workers. [*Laughter*] They take a used piece of equipment and redo it, make it look like new, make it run like new, and sell it like old. [*Laughter*] And as he said, "I am a small-business guy utilizing free trade."

America must reject economic isolationism if we're going to be a confident, growing nation. Listen, we're good at things. Look at old Ed; he's good at something. [*Laughter*] All he needs is a chance to sell it. And if we fall into trade wars because of politics, we will be doing a disservice to the entrepreneur in America. We're good at growing things. Our farmers ought to be selling soybeans everywhere in the world. And that's what we're trying to make sure other countries hear this—hear the philosophy of this administration. "We're opening up our markets. Open up yours." That's what we're telling them.

See, we know what's good for consumers: when people have more choice. If you're a consumer in America and you've got more goods to choose from, you're going to get better quality at a better price. That's how it works. And so we've said—not only have I said but other Presidents have said—Presidents before me have said, "For the good of the American consumer, sell us your goods and services here in America."

And now you've got an administration who is saying, "Since we do that for you, you open up your markets." I told Evans and Zoellick, "When we need to get tough with foreign nations that shut us out, get tough, because all we're interested in is a level playing field." That's what we want. We want our people treated fairly.

You'll hear people say, "Well, the best way to deal with this is to find out ways not to trade fairly, is to isolate us." That would be terrible for small businesses. And so this administration is confident in America because we're confident in Americans. We know we can—we're really good. We're really good at building things and growing things and selling things. And I intend to make sure that they have a good chance to do so, for the sake of American workers.

This economy of ours is steady and strong—it's steady and strong. It's steady and strong, which means people are going back to work—1.5 million jobs since last August. That is steady growth. And it's steady and strong because the American entrepreneur is strong and capable and willing to take risk. The entrepreneur is employing more people. The entrepreneur is investing. And the role of Government is to promote good policy that encourages the American entrepreneur.

And the other thing about the entrepreneurial spirit that is so wonderful about our country is it doesn't matter whether you're the fourth generation to own your business or you're a first-generation American. Either way, you've got the opportunity to say, "This is my business. I own it. I'm going to nurture it and grow it and, therefore, help others to find work." That's the cornerstone of the Bush economic policy. And it's working.

I'm glad you all are here. God bless your efforts, and may God continue to bless our country.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:08 a.m. in the East Room at the White House.

Statement on Signing Legislation To Provide for the Transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex

July 2, 2004

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4322, "An Act to provide for the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex in the District of Columbia to facilitate the establishment of the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security, to provide for the acquisition by the Department of the Navy of suitable replacement facilities, and for other purposes." This legislation will

allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to consolidate headquarters staff at the Complex for the foreseeable future.

The executive branch shall construe section 1(g)(3) of the Act, which purports to make consultation with specified Members of Congress a precondition to execution of the law, as calling for, but not mandating, such consultation. Construing the provision as a mandate to consult would be inconsistent with constitutional provisions concerning the separate powers of the Congress to legislate and the President to execute the laws.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 2, 2004.

NOTE: H.R. 4322, approved July 2, was assigned Public Law No. 108–268.

Memorandum on Delegation of Certain Reporting Authority

July 2, 2004

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Delegation of Certain Reporting Authority

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions and authority conferred upon the President by section 4 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002, Public Law 107–243, and by section 3 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution, Public Law 102–1, to make the specified reports to the Congress.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Letter to Congressional Leaders Submitting Proposed Legislative Changes To Implement the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

July 2, 2004

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

On May 18, 2004, the United States Trade Representative signed the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement on behalf of the United States. Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 2002, I am submitting a description of the changes to existing laws, prepared by my Administration, that would be required to bring the United States into compliance with that agreement.

I look forward to working with the Congress in developing legislation to implement this free trade agreement with an important economic partner and close ally.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

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.

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In the morning, at Dromoland Castle in Shannon, Ireland, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush paid a courtesy call on President Mary McAleese of Ireland and her husband, Martin. The President then met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland.

Later in the morning, at Dromoland Castle, the President participated in a European Union Summit meeting.