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THE DIRECTOR

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
3-25-02

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 3986 - Extension of Disaster Unemployment Assistance
Sponsors - Representative Quinn (R) New York and 20 cosponsors

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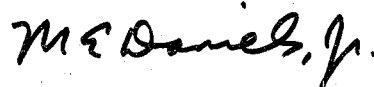
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For Immediate Release

March 26, 2002

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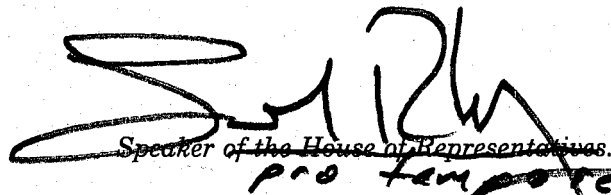
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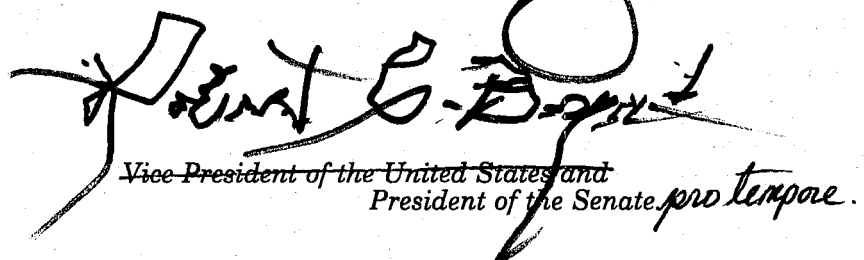
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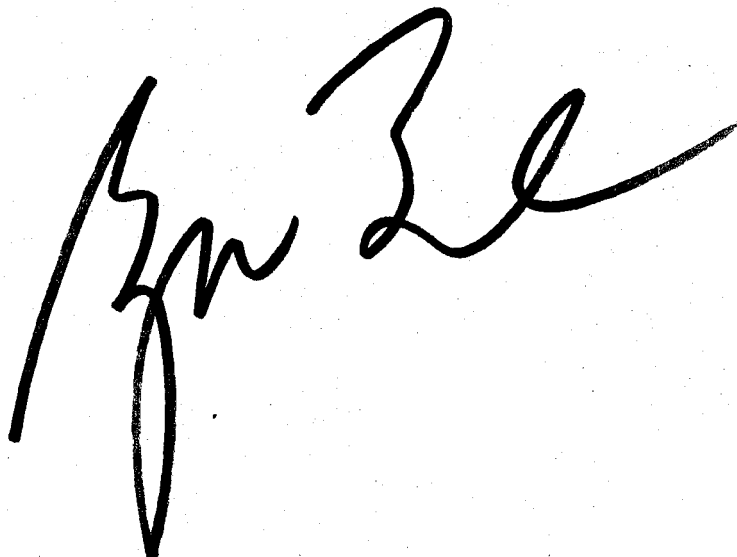
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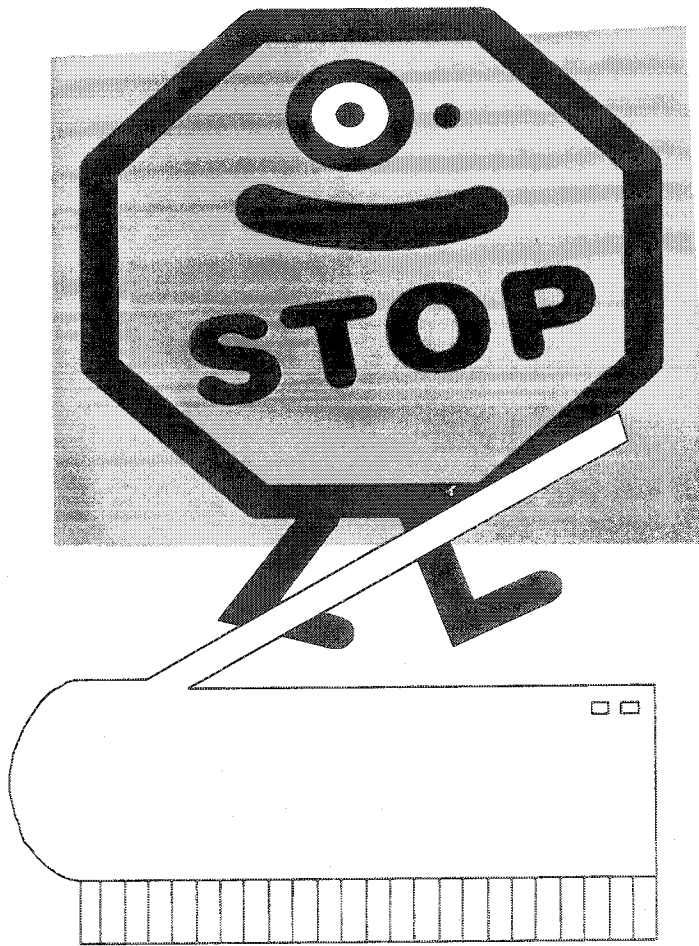

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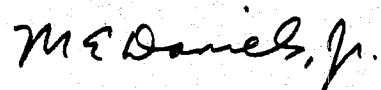
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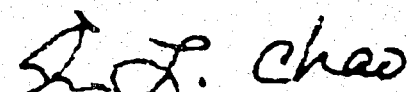
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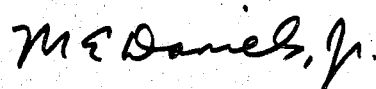
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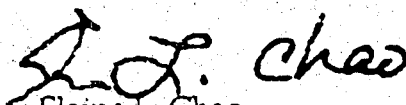
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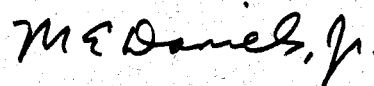
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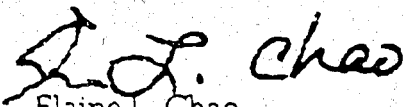
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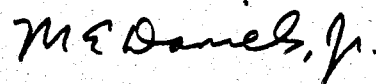
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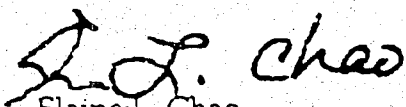
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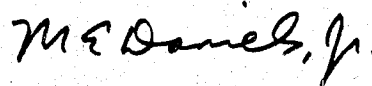
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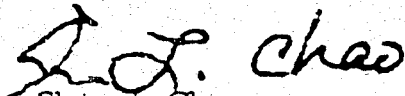
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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THE DIRECTOR

March 25, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 3986 - Extension of Disaster Unemployment Assistance
Sponsors - Representative Quinn (R) New York and 20 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

The Department of Labor advises that approval of H.R. 3986 by Monday, March 25th would prevent a possible delay in disaster unemployment assistance for certain workers in New York, who lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Purpose

Provides an additional 13 weeks of disaster unemployment compensation benefits for certain individuals who lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Labor (DOL)	Approval
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Approval
Department of Justice	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

Under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, FEMA is authorized to provide disaster unemployment assistance to individuals who lose their employment in the aftermath of a Presidentially-declared disaster and are ineligible for regular unemployment compensation. Individuals who qualify for disaster unemployment include the self-employed, individuals who have not worked long enough to qualify for regular unemployment compensation, or individuals who become the family's sole support after the death of the head of household. DOL administers the program on behalf of FEMA, which provides the funding for disaster unemployment assistance from a discretionary disaster assistance appropriation.

Under current law, disaster unemployment assistance is provided for up to 26 weeks after the date the President issues a declaration of disaster. Such a declaration was issued for New York on September 11, 2001, and for Northern Virginia on September 21, 2001. DOL estimates that currently there are approximately 2,000 claimants for disaster unemployment assistance in New York and 10 claimants in Virginia. These claimants filed claims the week of March 17, 2002, for the last qualifying week for the disaster unemployment assistance benefits.

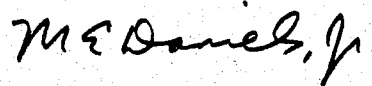
H.R. 3986 would extend, from 26 to 39 weeks, the availability of disaster unemployment assistance to unemployed individuals who lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. The Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, which you signed into law on March 9th, extended regular unemployment compensation for up to an additional 13 weeks, and up to an additional 26 weeks in States that continue to experience high unemployment.

Conclusion and Recommendations

DOL recommends approval of H.R. 3986, noting that "[i]t is appropriate that workers unemployed due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia who do not qualify for regular or extended unemployment compensation be able to receive disaster unemployment assistance for an additional 13 week period." DOL advises that if the bill is not signed by Monday, March 25th, some individuals in New York could experience a delay, by a few days, in receiving extended disaster unemployment assistance benefits, but that "the timing of signature would not affect the amount of disaster unemployment assistance an individual would receive."

FEMA recommends approval of H.R. 3986. In its views letter, FEMA notes that enactment of H.R. 3986 "would provide for continuous disaster unemployment assistance over the 39-week period after the major disaster declaration." FEMA advises that the assistance provided by the enrolled bill would cost approximately \$2 million.

We join DOL and FEMA in recommending approval of H.R. 3986, which passed the House by voice vote and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON

MAR 22 2002

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Daniels:

This is in response to your request for the Department of Labor's recommendation regarding Presidential action on enrolled enactment H.R. 3986, a bill to extend the availability of disaster unemployment assistance for an additional 13 weeks in those areas that were declared a major disaster as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The Department of Labor recommends that the President approve the enrolled enactment.

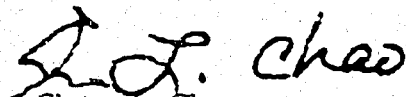
The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act currently limits the duration of disaster unemployment assistance to 26 weeks after a major disaster is declared. H.R. 3986 provides, however, that the President is to make disaster unemployment assistance available for 39 weeks after the major disaster declaration in those areas where the declaration was a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Disaster unemployment assistance is intended to complement the regular Federal-State unemployment compensation system by providing unemployment assistance to individuals who are unemployed due to a major disaster and do not otherwise qualify for other unemployment compensation. The Department of Labor administers the program on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (which receives the appropriation), and the Department enters into agreements with the affected States to administer the assistance through the State unemployment compensation system.

The Department believes the 13 weeks of additional disaster unemployment assistance provided under H.R. 3986 is consistent with and complements the 13 weeks of temporary extended unemployment compensation that was signed into law on March 9 as part of the "Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002". It is appropriate that workers unemployed due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia who do not qualify for the regular or extended unemployment compensation be able to receive disaster unemployment assistance for an additional 13 week period. The Department therefore supports Presidential approval of H.R. 3986.

It may be noted that the Department estimates that there remains approximately 2,000 claimants for disaster unemployment assistance in New York and 10 claimants in Virginia. Last week was the final week of the original 26-week period for which disaster unemployment assistance could be paid in New York (the major disaster declaration was issued one week later for Virginia). Claimants therefore filed claims this week for that last week of unemployment, and would have received a check this week or next week on that claim. Those claimants were also notified that the previous week was the last week of the eligibility period.

Upon approval of H.R. 3986, individuals in New York would be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance for weeks of unemployment that include this week and the succeeding 12 weeks and would be notified of the extended eligibility period. Therefore, the earlier the bill is signed into law the earlier the notification could be issued and the earlier claims may be filed. If the bill were signed into law immediately, the earliest a claim could be filed for this week of unemployment under New York law would be Monday, March 25. Therefore, approval between now and Monday would not affect the date a claim could be filed. If the bill were approved after Monday, claims could be filed and processed as soon as the bill is signed. This means that a delay in approval could delay the timing of the unemployment assistance payments by a few days. However, the timing of the signature would not affect the amount of the disaster unemployment assistance an individual would receive. Individuals would be able to receive assistance for weeks of unemployment occurring during the 39-week period, and such payments could be applied retroactively.

Sincerely,


Elaine L. Chao



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

March 21, 2002

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This enrollment letter responds to the request for comments on enrolled bill H.R. 3986, to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We recommend that the President sign the bill.

Significant features. Section 410 of the Stafford Act authorizes the President to provide unemployment assistance to individuals unemployed as a result of a major disaster. The Act limits the assistance to 26 weeks after the major disaster is declared. The 26-week period in New York expired on March 11 and in Virginia on March 21, 2002. H.R. 3986 would extend the period to 39 weeks after the major disaster was declared. The President's signature on of the bill would provide continuous disaster unemployment assistance over the 39-week period after the major disaster declaration.

The bill is consistent with previously announced Administration policy as part of the Back-to-Work Relief package introduced by Senator Allen as S. 1532, to extend unemployment compensation for an additional 13 weeks for individuals who became unemployed in those States where a major disaster was declared on or after September 11. In light of the uniqueness of this situation, we recommend that the Administration continue to support the extension of the unemployment compensation benefits for an additional 13 weeks.

Costs. FEMA concurs with the estimates made by the CBO and OMB that the additional costs of this legislation would be approximately \$2,000,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe M. Allbaugh", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe M. Allbaugh
Director

One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the twenty-third day of January, two thousand and two*

An Act

To extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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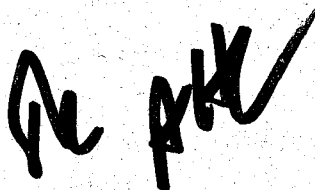
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March 25, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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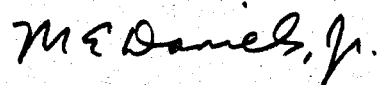
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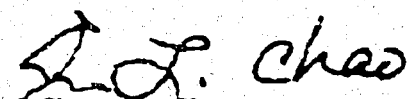
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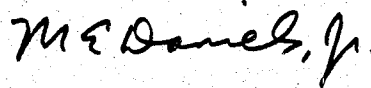
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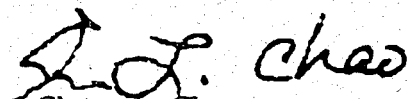
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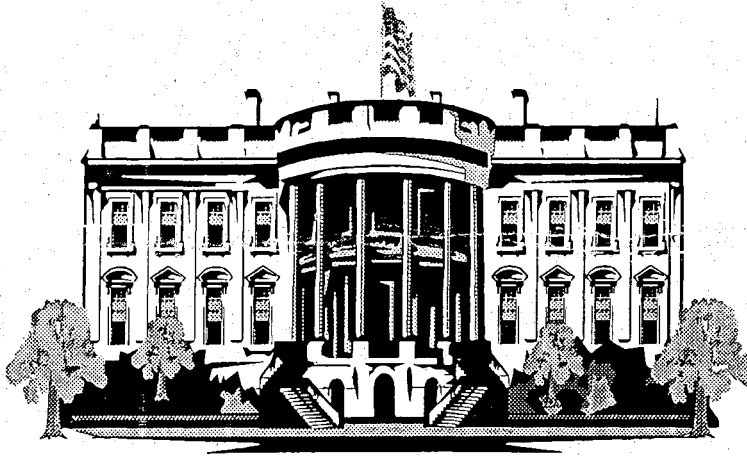
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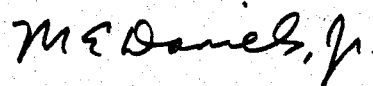
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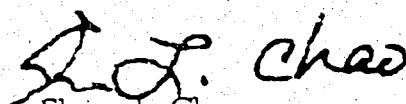
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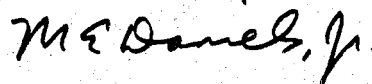
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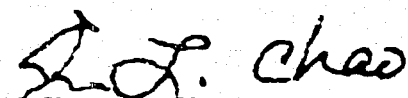
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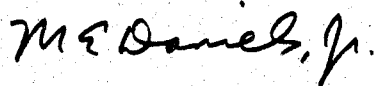
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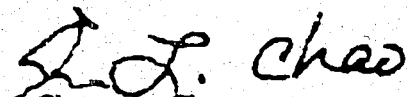
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 3-25-02ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 3-25-02 3:00 PM

ENROLLED BILL MEMO H.R. 3986 - EXTENSION OF DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT
 Subject: ASSISTANCE

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VICE PRESIDENT	☒	☐	HUBBARD	☒	☐
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REMARKS:

PLEASE FORWARD COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO JIM JUKES X53458, FAX 56148, BY 3:00 PM, TODAY, WITH A COPY TO THE STAFF SECRETARY. THANK YOU.

KR - let jim know ✓

RESPONSE:

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545pm*

Harriet E. Miers
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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March 25, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 3986 - Extension of Disaster Unemployment Assistance
Sponsors - Representative Quinn (R) New York and 20 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

The Department of Labor advises that approval of H.R. 3986 by Monday, March 25th would prevent a possible delay in disaster unemployment assistance for certain workers in New York, who lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Purpose

Provides an additional 13 weeks of disaster unemployment compensation benefits for certain individuals who lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Labor (DOL)	Approval
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Approval
Department of Justice	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

Under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, FEMA is authorized to provide disaster unemployment assistance to individuals who lose their employment in the aftermath of a Presidentially-declared disaster and are ineligible for regular unemployment compensation. Individuals who qualify for disaster unemployment include the self-employed, individuals who have not worked long enough to qualify for regular unemployment compensation, or individuals who become the family's sole support after the death of the head of household. DOL administers the program on behalf of FEMA, which provides the funding for disaster unemployment assistance from a discretionary disaster assistance appropriation.

Under current law, disaster unemployment assistance is provided for up to 26 weeks after the date the President issues a declaration of disaster. Such a declaration was issued for New York on September 11, 2001, and for Northern Virginia on September 21, 2001. DOL estimates that currently there are approximately 2,000 claimants for disaster unemployment assistance in New York and 10 claimants in Virginia. These claimants filed claims the week of March 17, 2002, for the last qualifying week for the disaster unemployment assistance benefits.

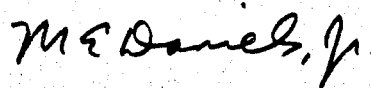
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Conclusion and Recommendations

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FEMA recommends approval of H.R. 3986. In its views letter, FEMA notes that enactment of H.R. 3986 "would provide for continuous disaster unemployment assistance over the 39-week period after the major disaster declaration." FEMA advises that the assistance provided by the enrolled bill would cost approximately \$2 million.

We join DOL and FEMA in recommending approval of H.R. 3986, which passed the House by voice vote and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON

MAR 22 2002

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Daniels:

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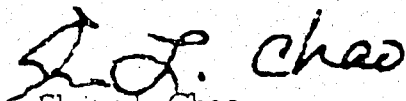
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Sincerely,


Elaine L. Chao



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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