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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth M. Toohey (CN=Elizabeth M. Toohey/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-FEB-1997 08:52:27.00

SUBJECT: AFL-CIO Memo

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Kitty asked that she see a copy of the memo on AFL-CIO that Kathy is preparing before it goes to the President. Apparently this request came out of the meeting yesterday in Erskine's office. Thanks, Liz 6-7072

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sara M. Latham (CN=Sara M. Latham/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-FEB-1997 18:04:40.00

SUBJECT: Re: AFL CIO Winter Conference late Feb., in LA

TO: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Sara M. Latham/WHO/EOP on 02/12/97
04:33 PM -----

Kimberly H Tilley @ OVP

01/27/97 05:24:27 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sara M. Latham/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: AFL CIO Winter Conference late Feb., in LA

Welcome --

I don't know the overall dates of the conference, but our current plan is to fly out on Tuesday, February 18th, arriving mid-day, spend the night in L.A., do an a.m. L.A. event on the 19th and then go to San Francisco from which we'll depart about 6 p.m. and arrive at Andrews around 2:15 a.m. We obviously would like to accommodate John if this works with his plans; we're putting together a manifest to see how many seats we have available. We won't know the latter until we find out which plane we're being given. If you need more specific info, please feel free to contact Jackie Dycke at 5-1750, who's desking this trip. Thanks.

Sara M. Latham @ EOP

01/27/97 05:03 PM

To: Kimberly H Tilley/OVP

cc:

Subject:AFL CIO Winter Conference late Feb., in LA

Kim - John Podesta plans to attend the AFL conference to hold meetings with various Labor Presidents. Depending on the dates of the conference, and the VPOTUS' schedule, he would like to either go out, or come back with VPOTUS.

Could you let me know when the dates are, and when VPOTUS is scheduled (if he is, at this point) to attend.

Thanks, I'm John's (new) Special Asst., but have previously harassed you per Tony Podesta - my prior boss. Look forward to working w/meeting you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-FEB-1997 07:52:31.00

SUBJECT: AFL-CIO

TO: Jackie A Dycke (CN=Jackie A Dycke/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I am Gene Sperling 's assistant. There has been some discussion around Gene's attendance at the conference. I am in need of some more details if you could please provide them. When would he go, would he fly with the VP, when is Podesta going, what Gene's role would be etc. If you know any of the answers to these questions I would appreciate the info or if I need to speak with someone else a name of who that is. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-FEB-1997 09:25:52.00

SUBJECT: Re: AFL-CIO

TO: Jackie A Dycke (CN=Jackie A Dycke/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks and I certainly will

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ellen S. Seidman (CN=Ellen S. Seidman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-FEB-1997 16:44:19.00

SUBJECT: Re: Briefing Materials For The AFL-CIO Convention

TO: Michael J. Warren (CN=Michael J. Warren/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I actually believe none of these are mine. Do you think any of them are?
ellen

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-FEB-1997 00:06:52.00

SUBJECT: corporate subsidy meeting

TO: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Gene wants to set up a corporate subsidy commission process meeting. He wants to invite Summers (and whoever else he thinks), Don Lubick, Mike Froman, Minirek (OMB), Munnell (CEA), David Lane (Commerce), Ginger Lew (SBA), Mazur and Orszag from our staff, Barbara Chow, Jack Lew, Bruce Reed, someone from Labor (maybe Metzler) and someone from V.P.'s office (we can ask Kathy if she knows). Gene wanted people to know it's not a principles meeting (obviously). We should also send Sylvia an FYI.

Of course, the one question I didn't ask him was when he wanted it for. Probably middle of next week, but I'll ask him tomorrow.

He looked at the AFL-CIO schedule and spoke to Gerry Shay -- but I didn't get specified time. I put it on his chair for the morning.

Orszag's hispanic memo went in tonight. It's in the POTUS memo binder.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Steven J. Kelman (CN=Steven J. Kelman/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-FEB-1997 16:22:11.00

SUBJECT: Vice President's Speech to the AFL-CIO

TO: Elaine C. Kamarck (CN=Elaine C. Kamarck/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Gene B. Sperling (CN=Gene B. Sperling/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Elaine, as per your request, I am sending possible specific language to implement your policy guidance on two of the contentious issues regarding the four AFL-CIO requests in the procurement area:

1) language in the FAR regarding "responsibility" determinations:

add to current FAR language about "a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics" the following addition: "; examples of an unsatisfactory record would include, for example, evidence of the prospective contractor's ties with organized crime, of income tax evasion, of an unsatisfactory record of labor relations or employment practices, or of employment discrimination."

2) allowability of costs for influencing worker votes in union representation elections:

add to current FAR language allowing "costs incurred in maintaining satisfactory relations between the contractor and its employees," which currently gives as examples of allowable costs those for shop stewards, employee publications, etc., new language allowing the following costs: "costs associated with efforts to improve worklife quality and to provide a family-friendly workplace." Then add the following sentences: "Costs incurred in seeking to influence the votes of employees in union representation elections are not allowable."

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael J. Warren@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-FEB-1997 14:40:00.00

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials For The AFL-CIO Convention

TO: BRAINARD_L (BRAINARD_L@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:14-FEB-1997 16:22:56.99

TO: LEE_M (LEE_M@A1@CD) (OPD)
READ:20-FEB-1997 12:06:44.69

TO: MAZUR_M (MAZUR_M@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:14-FEB-1997 15:32:23.41

TO: WALSH_H (WALSH_H@A1@CD) (OPD)
READ:19-FEB-1997 16:29:55.18

TO: Pauline M. Abernathy (Pauline M. Abernathy@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Melissa Green (Melissa Green@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Elwood J. Holstein (Elwood J. Holstein@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Thomas A. Kalil (Thomas A. Kalil@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Jonathan A. Kaplan (Jonathan A. Kaplan@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Peter R. Orszag (Peter R. Orszag@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Kristen E. Panerali (Kristen E. Panerali@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Dorothy Robyn (Dorothy Robyn@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TO: Ellen S. Seidman (Ellen S. Seidman@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

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READ:NOT READ

TO: Michael J. Warren (Michael J. Warren@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

TEXT:

Message Creation Date was at 14-FEB-1997 14:36:00

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8. ISTEA
9. NAFTA
10. Offsets
11. Multinational Investments
12. American Airlines
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Briefings are due Monday at 5:00pm. Gene leaves for the convention on Tuesday,
and will need time to review and ask questions. Please call me at 456-5807, or
page me, if you have any questions.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael J. Warren (CN=Michael J. Warren/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-FEB-1997 14:34:12.00

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials For The AFL-CIO Convention

TO: WALSH_H (WALSH_H @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [EOP]) (OPD)

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ellen S. Seidman (CN=Ellen S. Seidman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kristen E. Panerali (CN=Kristen E. Panerali/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-FEB-1997 15:07:48.00

SUBJECT: Re:

TO: Michelle Crisci (CN=Michelle Crisci/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

possible-- Gene is travelling to California for AFL-CIO on Tuesday and his exact time of departure has yet to be resolved

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-FEB-1997 13:44:49.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

So i saw terri this morning-- she was able to get Erskine the doc. he needed. wallman is here but off making policy--not worried about gene's trip to afl-cio or his speech...the life and (humorous) times of a white house kid by melvin

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Climate Change

Background

An international scientific consensus has emerged that human activities have had a "discernible impact" on climate. The Administration has accepted that consensus as the basis for developing a proposal for international action to stabilize, and ultimately reduce, greenhouse gas emissions (primarily carbon dioxide from fossil fuel combustion). If left unaddressed, continuing increases in greenhouse gas emissions could produce significant economic and environmental harm, although there is considerable uncertainty regarding the distribution and timing of those effects.

In the 1992 Framework Convention on Climate Change, the major industrialized nations agreed to an international treaty calling for returning greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels in the year 2000. The President's Climate Change Action Plan, announced in 1993, was based largely on voluntary energy savings measures. In July 1996, however, the State Department announced the Administration's conclusions that the 1990 goals would not be met, and that voluntary targets would not be sufficient to assure dependable progress toward stabilizing the atmosphere. Accordingly, the U.S. has proposed a new approach:

- **Binding targets and timetables:** Emission-reduction targets should be binding. Timetables for reaching the targets should be *realistic and achievable*.
- **Flexible implementation measures:** Countries will design their own policies for achieving the targets; the U.S. has rejected proposals for uniform international strategies for reducing emissions. In recent submissions to the Climate Change Secretariat, the USG has suggested several ways to maximize efficiency and flexibility:
 - An international emissions-trading regime among developed countries;
 - Multi-year emissions "budgets," with borrowing permitted between periods.
 - Opportunity for developed countries to earn credits through "joint implementation" projects, i.e., assisting developing countries in reducing their emissions.
- **Developing-country obligations:** Developing countries must commit to measurable progress in limiting their emissions as they develop. Over time, they should "graduate" to full participation in the developed-country framework

These elements are the foundation of the U.S. position in treaty negotiations that are to be concluded in a December, 1997 meeting in Kyoto, Japan. The Administration anticipates that whatever agreement it signs in Kyoto will be submitted to the U.S. Senate for treaty ratification.

Status

During his recent visit to Australia, the President emphasized the need for international action on the climate change issue.

An NEC/CEQ-led deputies group has begun discussing the options for appropriate targets and timetables, and will be reviewing domestic policy options for achieving those goals.

AFL-CIO

The United Mine Workers (coal miners), the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (refinery workers), and possibly the United Auto Workers are likely to be the most concerned about the outcome of the Administration's climate change activities. The UMW recently announced a joint effort with coal companies to oppose action on climate change, fearing that the likely outcome of any agreement will be new restrictions against the use of coal.

Talking Points

- The Administration has accepted the international scientific consensus that human activities are generating measurable, climate-affecting accumulations of greenhouse gases. If no action is taken, we believe there may be severe economic and environmental consequences.
- The Administration believes that the voluntary approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions has been tried, and it failed.
- We are committed, however, to avoiding the economic consequences of acting precipitously. For that reason, we want to design a flexible, long-term approach, which provides plenty of opportunity for reassessment and non-disruptive economic adjustment.
- Timetables have not been proposed, but when they are, they will be realistic and achievable.
- We will not support policies that put U.S. industries at a competitive disadvantage.
- We will demand that developing countries carry their fair share of the burden of reducing worldwide emissions.
- We are committing to working with industry to:

- design cost-effective approaches;
 - address competitiveness issues;
 - identify and develop promising new emissions-reducing technologies and policies.
- We want substantive consultation and interaction with industry. The Administration is developing the analytical tools, including computer models, to inform our decision-making. We intend to make those tools fully open to scrutiny by unions and other interested parties.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael J. Warren (CN=Michael J. Warren/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1997 20:41:02.00

SUBJECT: Cover For Gene's AFL-CIO Briefing Book Tuesday

TO: Sonyia Matthews (CN=Sonyia Matthews/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sonyia,

Could you please make a cover for Gene's briefing book for the AFL-CIO meeting that has the red and blue border, but does not have the Presidential seal on (we can leave that space blank)?

Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-FEB-1997 18:45:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: points for afl-cio remarks

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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POINTS FOR AFL-CIO REMARKS
FEBRUARY 19, 1997

- **Union Earnings.** Weekly earnings for the typical unionized worker were about a third higher than those of the typical non-unionized worker in 1996. [Weekly Economic Briefing, 2/14/97]
- **Earnings Increases.** Economic studies that try to control for factors such as screening, concentration in higher wage jobs, higher skills still suggest that working in a unionized firm raises a worker's earnings by 10 to 15 percent. [Weekly Economic Briefing, 2/14/97]
- **Job Growth.** After a decade of decline, 1 million new manufacturing, auto and construction jobs have been created since President Clinton took office.
- **Wage Growth.** Median family income is up \$1,600 since 1993 -- the fast growth since Johnson was President.
- **Health Care.** Our budget preserves Medicare and Medicaid, while reforming and strengthening both programs in important ways. It also helps the growing numbers of children and families who lack health insurance. And it invests more in biomedical research, in programs to combat infectious diseases and in programs that serve critically under served populations.
- **Medicare.** Saves \$138 billion over 6 years. Extends the life of the Medicare Trust Fund to 2007. Invests in preventive health care such as diabetes management, colorectal screening, annual mammograms without copayments, and increases reimbursement rates for certain immunizations to protect seniors from pneumonia, influenza and hepatitis. Also establishes a new respite care benefit to assist families of Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's and related diseases. Adds Medigap protections to increase the security of Medicare beneficiaries.
- **Medicaid.** Saves about \$9 billion net over 5 years and makes about \$13 billion in investments, including proposals to expand coverage for eligible children, and changes in last year's welfare reform law.
 - ⇒ Gives states the option to extend one year of continuous Medicaid coverage to all children who are determined eligible.
 - ⇒ Proposes to work with states and the private sector to reach out to the 3 million children who are enrolled but not eligible for Medicaid.
- **Medicaid and Medicare for Workers with Disabilities.** Plan enables SSI beneficiaries with disabilities to keep their Medicaid when they return to work. Also includes a demonstration program that allows certain SSDI beneficiaries receiving Medicare benefits to maintain their coverage when they return to work.
- **Expanding Coverage for Workers Who Are In-Between Jobs.** President's plan includes an initiative to help provide health care coverage for workers and their families who are in-between jobs. Initiative would help an estimated 3.2 million Americans, including 700,000 children. Plan helps working families continue health insurance coverage, building on Kassebaum-Kennedy's protections against pre-existing conditions.

- **Expanding Health Care Coverage for Children.** In addition to providing health care coverage for 700,000 children whose parents are in-between jobs, budget provides \$3.75 billion over 5 years to states to develop innovative programs to provide coverage to children.
- **Pell Grants.** *Largest increase in the Pell Grant award in two decades.* FY98 budget also proposes expanding the eligibility of low-income students (generally age 24 and older) who are financially independent from their parents. Will provide an average increase of more than \$800 to 819,000 low-income, independent students pursuing postsecondary education and training and brings 218,000 students into the program who are currently not eligible. Pell Grant recipients will exceed 4 million.
- **HOPE Scholarship.** The annual cost of a public college increased from 9% of the typical family's income in 1979 to 14% in 1994. President Clinton's HOPE Scholarship plan will ensure that low- and middle-income students can get up to a \$1,500 tax credit making community college free or nearly so for every student. In 1998, this credit is expected to help 4.2 million middle-income students pay for college.
- **Tax Free Education Savings.** Families who save through an expanded IRA, and then use the savings for higher education, can deduct up to \$10,000 of their withdrawals a year, making savings for college virtually tax free.
- **Section 127.** Proposing reinstating through year 2000 the current exclusion from an employee's income of up to \$5,250 per year of postsecondary educational assistance provided by an employer for undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, for 1998-2000, small businesses would be given a new incentive to provide educational assistance to their employees through a 10% percent tax credit for amounts paid under an employer-provided educational assistance program for education provided by a third party.
- Enforcement agency numbers from FY93-FY98. (Coming from Minarek)

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READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Joking. They look fine to me. PST or EST?

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PENSIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: From the start of the Administration, we've been working to protect people's pensions, and getting results.

- o **Won enactment of the Retirement Protection Act in 1994** to protect the benefits of more than 40 million American workers and retirees in traditional pension plans. Pension underfunding has declined dramatically for the first time in a decade, and many plans are funding up even more quickly than required by the law. This means that the pension promises to both current and future retirees under traditional pension plans will be kept.
- o **Vetoed the Republican budget that would have allowed corporations to raid \$15 billion from pension funds**, affecting almost 4 million workers and retirees. In the 1980s, corporations took over \$20 billion from pension funds.
- o **Recovered nearly \$20 million in savings for workers and retirees** as a result of the Labor Department's ongoing nationwide enforcement effort to protect retirement savings in defined contribution -- 401(k) -- plans.
- o **The minimum wage bill just signed into law contains important pension coverage, portability, and security reforms, many of which we had proposed:**
 - o **Simplifies laws and regulations for all pension plans;**
 - o **Reduces from 10 years to 5 the vesting period for multiemployer plans**, meaning more people will be covered more quickly under these traditional pension plans;
 - o **Discourages 1-year wait:** Encourages employers to allow employees to start saving for retirement from the first day on the job by changing the law that encouraged waiting periods; and
 - o **Creates a new small business 401(k) plan** which can be started with a simple one-page form. Up to 10 million small business workers without a pension could be eligible for a pension under this new plan.
- o **In January, Treasury auctioned the first US government inflation-protection bonds**, providing a totally safe investment for retirement or education that will not lose value due to inflation.

REMAINING AGENDA:

- o **Quickly get out all the forms, regulations and guidance needed to make certain the benefits of last year's legislation are quickly felt by all.** Both Treasury and DOL have made major progress already.
- o **Enact the remainder of the President's Retirement Savings and Security Act, including the multiemployer provisions** doubling the guarantee, granting relief from the compensation limit for benefits (415), loosening the full funding limit and requiring a plan asset valuation only every three years (rather than annually).
- o **Enact our Audit Bill to increase pension security** by requiring (i) full-scale audits of large pension plans and (ii) administrators to report promptly any serious misuse of pension funds.
- o **Continue and expand the on-going retirement savings campaign** begun in 1995 by the Labor Department and 150 private co-sponsors, including the AFL-CIO. In 1996, DOL launched a special addition to the program focusing on women's particular pension needs.
- o **Expand coverage and portability by enacting our IRA proposal** which doubles the income limits and allows penalty-free withdrawals for education, first homes, major medical expenses, and long-term unemployment.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The basic union position has been to support the existing system, with particular emphasis on the following elements:

- o The social contract, in which all workers participate and all workers benefit¹, with proportionately greater benefits for lower-wage workers
- o The defined benefit (rather than defined contribution) nature of the system
- o Eligibility for early retirement at 62
- o Annual COLAs
- o Survivor and disability provisions

Through Gerry Shea, the AFL-CIO was represented on the Advisory Council, and was a strong member of the Ball faction. The Ball faction was willing to make the following changes:

- o Beginning with new hires, expand Social Security to state and local government workers not now covered.
- o Tax Social Security benefits like other annuity benefits, i.e., the excess of what is received over what was paid would be taxable.
- o Redirect some Social Security tax revenues now going to the Medicare Trust Fund to the Social Security Trust Fund.
- o Adjust the CPI, but only as BLS suggests.
- o Slightly reduce benefits by increasing from 35 to 38 years the time over which wages are averaged to determine benefits or increase the payroll tax by 0.15% for workers and employers.

Retirement Savings Commission

Last year, Senators Bradley and Jeffords and Congressman Pomeroy attempted to get legislation attached to reconciliation that would have established a Retirement Savings Commission, which would have looked into retirement income issues, supposedly entirely from the private pension perspective. The AFL-CIO **strongly opposed** the legislation because of concern that it would spill over into Social Security, saying at the end of the session that killing it was one of their top five priorities. We also voiced our objections to the legislation and it stayed out of any bills. Pomeroy and Jeffords want to bring it up again this year, but so far have not done so.

¹ Note, however, that 3.7 million state and local government employees who are union members do not participate, as state and local governments have an option whether to belong. These workers are covered by defined benefit pension plans that are fairly generous, particularly for long-service workers.

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Seems a little early to me. Why don't we get on top of this tomorrow?

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are you joking or are you being serious?

He's speaking tomorrow b/w 10-11 in the morning.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON MEDICAID GAG RULE

The Oval Office

11:05 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. I was just sitting here thinking that in the spirit of full disclosure the Vice President and Secretary Shalala may have a particular vested interest in health care issues -- that they both just got back from South Africa and when they got back he got on a plane and went to Los Angeles to speak to the AFL-CIO convention; he got back at 4:00 a.m. this morning. And she got on a plane and went to New York with me to a welfare reform event. And I don't see how either one of them are still standing up. (Laughter.) But they probably have a strong interest in what happened here today.

Let me thank, if I might, first of all, all the members of Congress who are here from both parties for their leadership on this issue; and Bruce Vladeck and Bruce Reed for what they have done; and the representatives of the groups over here to my right for being here and for supporting our endeavors.

Today I'm pleased to announce that we're taking steps to see that Medicaid beneficiaries continue to get access to the fullest quality health care. In recent years, the medical community and the insurance industry have joined to reform and improve American health care, working with us, and much of this progress has come through

managed care, which emphasizes prevention, provides better care, and controls costs at the same time, when the plans are the best and the right kind of managed care plans.

On the whole, the growth of managed care has been a good thing for our country. But we also know, we've seen enough to know that we have to make absolutely sure that this rapid transformation does not lead to a decline in the quality of health care.

That's why I've been concerned about these so-called gag rules that some HMOs and other health care plans have -- rules that restrict the ability of health care professionals to administer proper medical care, that prevent doctors and nurses from telling patients about alternate and sometimes more expensive care that are not covered by the plans that they're in. This is unacceptable. Patients in HMOs and other health plans should know that they're doctors will give them the very best information, the very most complete information, the widest possible range of information when it comes to their treatment. And there shouldn't be a shadow of doubt about this.

In December, as Secretary Shalala just said, we took action to give Medicare beneficiaries to the right know about their treatment options. Today we take the next step -- acting to protect 13 million Medicaid beneficiaries -- children, the disabled, elderly Americans. I'm directing Secretary Shalala to inform all state Medicaid directors that it's illegal for health care plans to prohibit doctors from discussing any treatment options with their patients. Families facing illness simply should not have to worry that the doctor they trust does not have the freedom to tell them

what they need to know. Patients have the fundamental right to know they are getting the best medical treatment, not simply the cheapest.

And this must be only the beginning. We can act today to protect Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries because they are federal programs and because government is the largest purchaser of managed care in our nation. But to protect 130 million Americans enrolled in managed care throughout the private sector, the Congress must act.

That's why I'm so pleased that members of Congress from both parties, led by those who are here with us today in the House, have come together with the support of doctors, nurses, health care professionals, and consumers to craft legislation that will ban all gag rules for all Americans in all HMOs and other health care plans. I urge the Congress to send me this legislation, and when they do I will promptly sign it into law.

The bipartisan legislation shows how we can work together as we continue step by step to give more families access to quality, affordable health care. I hope we can build on this record of accomplishment and that Congress will join me to pass a balanced budget that extends health care coverage to children, helps people who temporarily lose their jobs to keep their health insurance, covers through Medicare assistance for families with Alzheimer's victims, and provides for annual mammograms, and that reforms Medicaid for the next decade. Today, we built a strong foundation for the health of American families and we can now make sure that it

lasts for a long time.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON MEDICAID GAG RULE

The Oval Office

11:05 A.M. EST

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: School Construction Initiative

BACKGROUND

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- The federal government would subsidize up to 50% of the interest on state or local school construction bonds, based on need;
- Federal funds would leverage **additional** spending on school construction and rehabilitation, not substitute for already-planned spending;
- Most of the Federal money would be administered by the States, whose participation would be voluntary; and
- The 100-125 school districts with the largest number of children in poverty would apply directly to the Department of Education for the remainder of program funds.

In developing the initiative, the Administration made the following assumptions:

- Based on a recent GAO Report, states and localities (including school districts) underinvest in school infrastructure;
- The quality of school infrastructure is reflected in learning, and high quality, modern, energy-efficient schools are safer and cheaper to operate;
- The Federal Government could provide incentives for states and localities to increase investment in school rehabilitation and construction without getting involved in state and local decisions about building, repairing and financing schools; and
- Providing Federal incentives is preferable to imposing Federal regulations.

Since July, a joint Education/Treasury working group has held three public round tables, in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and New York City. It has also met with the Council of Great City Schools in Ft. Lauderdale and the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. Participants in these round tables included education public interest groups, state and city school officials, state and local budget staff, facility planners, state debt issuing agencies, representatives from Senator Moseley-Braun's and Representative Nita Lowey's office, and investment bankers involved in local school financing.

We learned that the local school finance systems vary across the country -- and in particular the degree of state involvement varies significantly; many school districts, particularly the most needy, will have difficulty issuing additional bonds for school construction, but may have other financing alternatives that could be leveraged with federal funds; and there is no single reason for underinvestment in school infrastructure.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Education Department has virtually completed the draft legislation. Based upon the information obtained in the roundtable discussions and further inter-agency discussions, the NEC principals believe that the program should continue to be focused on providing financial leverage for new construction and rehabilitation that communities will undertake largely with their own funds. However, we have also concluded while the original interest subsidy concept will work in many school districts, the program should be somewhat more flexible in how the federal funds can be leveraged. For example, purchase of bond insurance and capitalization of bond banks should be allowable purposes.

We also believe the program should incorporate a significant competitive element. Frankly, given the fact that expenditures on school construction and rehabilitation appear to have begun to increase without a federal program, it will be difficult to show that any formula-based program of this magnitude, when spread around the country, has made a real difference. Requiring localities -- and perhaps states -- to compete for some or all of the funds, will (i) generate more efficient, community-based proposals for use of the funds; (ii) make it more likely that the federal funds will indeed leverage **new** state and local (including private) funds for school construction; and (iii) distinguish this program from a traditional grant program, for which we believe there is little enthusiasm, given budgetary constraints and political constraints relating to local control. At the same time, we believe all large high-poverty school districts should be able to receive some funds, if they can demonstrate the funds will leverage new construction or rehabilitation. The Department of Education also believes all states should receive some funds.

We therefore propose that the program be structured as follows:

- 50% of the funds will be designated for states and 50% for the 100 school districts with the largest number of children in poverty. (The 100 districts have 32.8% of children in poverty, so a 50-50 split provides significantly more per poor child to the 100 districts than to the states.)

- Of the total of \$2.5 billion designated for the 100 districts, \$750 million would be placed in a bonus pool, to be awarded by the Department of Education to the 20 to 30 districts whose proposals show the greatest need and demonstrate the greatest ability to use federal funds to leverage new rehabilitation and construction funds from state, local and private sources to build or reconstruct safe, accessible, efficient schools that serve children in communities most in need. The remaining \$1.75 billion would be made available to the 100 districts on the basis of the Title 1 allocations, but to get the money, the districts would have to demonstrate that the funds would be used to leverage other funds for new construction or rehabilitation.

There are two options for dealing with the \$2.5 billion designated for the states (in all cases, states could choose to provide some of their funds to the 100 largest districts):

- Distribute all the money by a formula based on Title 1 allocations, although to get the money the states would have to demonstrate that they had a program to use the federal money to leverage other funds -- at the state or local level or both -- to increase school construction or rehabilitation beyond the pre-program level.; and
- Distribute most of the money by formula based on the Title 1 allocations, but set aside a bonus pool of approximately \$750 million to be distributed on the basis of the Department of Education's determination of which state programs were most effective in leveraging the federal funds for new construction or rehabilitation for the most needy students outside of the 100 districts;

Secretary Riley opposes any sort of state competition because it would generate significant opposition to the program as unduly interfering in state and local matters. Moreover, he believes a competition would put a significant administrative burden on the states and the Department of Education, that would not be cost-efficient, given the size of the bonus pool. However, Secretary Riley thinks the bonus pool is an acceptable option if needed to assist in making clear the leveraged nature of the program. Secretary Rubin thinks a competitive program is better as a matter of policy, but acquiesces in Secretary Riley's political and administrative judgment. Others at the Treasury Department are deeply concerned that this program, even with its competitive design, will be viewed as simply a grant program that will not generate incremental spending.

I understand that risk, particularly since it will be impossible to provide mathematical proof that this program, by itself, actually has resulted in incremental spending that would not have occurred otherwise. However, I also believe that, by challenging states and localities, though the bonus pools, to demonstrate how they will leverage the limited federal funds to generate a greater quantity of new spending for construction and rehabilitation, we will be able to demonstrate the incremental impact of the program on an anecdotal, but wide-spread, basis. I therefore recommend the bonus pool option.

CONCLUSION

We are poised to complete work on a well-constructed program to jump start school construction and rehabilitation through leverage of federal funds with state, local and private money. Our

consultations have led us toward a more flexible program that can be beneficial to a wider range of school districts. If you approve the recommendations in this memo, we will be prepared to complete drafting quickly and start vetting on the Hill.

DECISION

_____ Complete drafting of program with state share being distributed by formula

_____ Complete drafting of program with state bonus pool

_____ See me for further discussions

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CREATOR: Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-1997 11:39:54.00

SUBJECT: New Hampshire

TO: Michael J. Burton (CN=Michael J. Burton/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hello,

I think that we spoke last week about health qs for the AFL-CIO meeting. I also just got a note from Chris Jennings saying that you were looking to find out how we helped NH in our Medicaid policy. We definitely did, and I know all of the gory details. We have a 4 page summary document that talks about the DSH poliicy in general which I am happy to drop off. If you want some more specifics, just let me know.

Jeanne

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CREATOR: Janet Himler (CN=Janet Himler/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-1997 18:02:14.00

SUBJECT: ISTE A and Organized Labor

TO: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI -- the article we discussed.

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Organized Labor Plans Aggressive Role On Infrastructure Finance, Worker Rights

The Public Employees Department of the AFL-CIO wants a seat at the ISTE A table to protect public workers and push proposals for meeting the expected trillion-dollar shortfall in infrastructure financing needs over the next several years, Al Bilik, president of the department, told BNA in recent interviews.

Organized labor also plans to launch ``an aggressive grassroots information campaign'' to ensure labor protections are not weakened when Congress reauthorizes the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, leaders of the AFL-CIO's transportation unions agreed earlier this month as they set out their legislative priorities for the year.

That infrastructure finance issues have become a high priority for organized labor became evident at the winter meeting of the AFL-CIO's occupational trades departments and executive council.

The federation's public employees and transportation trades departments passed several resolutions on ISTE A, state infrastructure banks, and infrastructure financing, which are expected to be taken up by the executive council at its May meeting in Washington.

Bilik also wants to develop a legislative proposal--with ISTE A a likely vehicle--to set up a regional infrastructure bank program with federal support. The program would be similar to an existing State Infrastructure Bank pilot program established by the National Highway

System Designation Act of 1995.

SIBs

SIBs are infrastructure investment funds that may be created by states or groups of states to complement the Transportation Department's traditional grant reimbursement program as a source of funding aid for highway and transit projects.

SIBs are capitalized with federal seed money to enable states to offer loan and credit assistance through traditional and innovative financing mechanisms. In addition to loans and loan guarantees, states can provide through the banks interest subsidies, credit enhancement, capital reserves for bond financing, financing of purchase and lease agreements, and other forms of assistance that could be used to leverage public and private financing.

The proposal envisioned by Bilik would call for capitalizing a system of regional banks with contributions from state and local pension funds, whose investments long have been questioned by the union.

State and local pension funds have more than \$1 trillion in members' money to invest, but the money often has been invested unwisely with the sole aim of earning a high return at the expense of local community needs, Bilik said. Also, much pension fund money has been invested overseas that should remain in this country to benefit U.S. communities and their workers, Bilik said.

TTD Resolutions

However, transportation union leaders pledged to block further funding for innovative financing mechanisms--namely, the State Infrastructure Bank pilot program--until policy-makers address labor's ``concerns'' over the SIB program's exemptions to certain labor standards, the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department concluded Feb. 15.

The TTD targeted the reauthorization of ISTEA as among its top priorities for the new Congress and made the SIB program the focus of a resolution that TTD members approved when the department gathered in Los Angeles to map out major policy areas for the year. The TTD and PED meetings were preludes to the AFL-CIO's winter executive council meeting.

The transportation trades department said it will ``oppose efforts to use reauthorization to attack long-standing worker protections . . . or to advance heavy-handed privatization mandates.''

The worker protections that organized labor wants to safeguard include Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act, a law that requires that certain arrangements be made to protect the rights of employees before the federal government will award funds earmarked for improving or operating a transit system. Among other things, these arrangements must guarantee the continuation of existing collective bargaining rights and assure employment for workers of acquired transit systems.

Other worker protections that TTD does not want Congress to tinker with as part of ISTEA reauthorization include the Davis-Bacon and Service

Contract acts, two laws that provide for payment of prevailing local wage and fringe benefits to certain workers employed by federal contractors.

Opposition Prepared

``Attempts in ISTEA reauthorization to directly or indirectly eliminate these protections or waive their application in the name of `reform' will be fiercely opposed by the labor movement and will delay enactment of this crucial surface transportation legislation,'' the TTD warned in a resolution.

TTD said it recognized the need to encourage private investment in infrastructure and to develop new ways to finance investments, but cautioned against new mechanisms that ``undermine basic federal standards, including those that protect worker rights.''

Transportation union leaders said they were continuing to evaluate the impact of innovative financing mechanisms, such as SIBs, which they criticized for ``sacrificing'' federal worker protections. Once funds are recycled and federal dollars are no longer in direct use, the projects would not be required to adhere to federal labor, environment, and civil rights standards, according to the TTD.

``Any expansion of this program in ISTEA must require that all projects supported by SIB funds meet federal standards,'' the transportation department said.

TTD said it will push for securing the highest possible funding levels for all surface transportation investment programs and called for redirecting the 4.3 cent-per-gallon gasoline tax into the Highway Trust Fund to be distributed equitably within the federal surface transportation program.

The transportation union leaders resolved to launch a grassroots information campaign ``to educate'' the Clinton administration, members of Congress, and other public officials on the views of the labor movement regarding the reauthorization of ISTEA, the department said, although few details were yet available.

PED Resolution

Bilik's Public Employees Department, which like TTD is an occupational trades unit within AFL-CIO with its own constitution, said his department has no disagreement with TTD on the need for worker protection under federal initiatives such as the SIB program.

``We have never pictured SIBs as being policy-making institutions,'' he said.

The department passed its own infrastructure finance resolution in anticipation of the ISTEA debate on Feb. 15, calling for abolition of Bush administration initiatives aimed at encouraging privatization of public facilities and Internal Revenue Service rules issued Jan. 10, 1997, to ease restrictions on use of bond proceeds to benefit private parties.

The resolution recognized the need to find new revenue sources for

infrastructure, which faces a trillion-dollar funding gap over the next several years as federal dollars dwindle.

``Private interests are seeking to exploit this crisis by offering to buy, lease and/or manage public infrastructure provided they can reap the benefits of public tax exemption, receive federal grants that ordinarily go only to publicly owned facilities, and further insisting that the federal government forego its claim to the proceeds of sale or lease of public facilities despite the government's heavy investment in such projects,'' the resolution said.

To quash these exploitative attempts by private business, IRS and other government initiatives encouraging privatization should be rescinded, the PED said.

Pension Fund Role

``We have answers, too, to the problem of inadequate infrastructure financing,'' Bilik told BNA. ``There is a lot of money in our national community'' that should stay in this country to benefit U.S. communities, he said. ``One way we can support this is to build our own community infrastructure bank approach, maybe regional banks,'' that draw from sources other than direct federal grants.

Public sector pension funds have more than \$1 trillion to invest of members' money, which currently is invested in stocks and bonds domestically and internationally, and, ``in our opinion, not so wisely,'' he said.

From a social standpoint, the money should be ``invested in a carefully calculated effort to improve our infrastructure to make us economically viable as a result,'' and with a view toward making work and family lives more meaningful, he said.

Legislation should be developed to make such investment attractive to pension funds, but education and organization also are needed, he said. ``You are not going to find individual pension funds come to that conclusion that this is the way to invest. There needs to be a national planning of such a program with the federal government guaranteeing a reasonable return on investment,'' he said.

Historical Problem

A major hitch to Bilik's approach, which he acknowledges must be addressed, is the historical problem of making infrastructure investments attractive to pension funds, which are tax-exempt, analysts say.

Since public infrastructure typically is financed with tax-exempt bonds, pension fund managers meet their fiduciary duty to make wise investments on behalf of members by investing in higher yielding Treasury securities, equities, and corporate debt, one analyst said.

Most infrastructure projects are funded with municipal bonds because project sponsors benefit from a lower cost of capital. Under current law, tax-exempt debt is not a suitable investment for tax-exempt institutional investors such as pension funds, the analyst said.

To attract pension funds to infrastructure investments, projects must not be eligible for tax-exempt financing. Examples are projects in which there is substantial private investment, such as an airport or train station with adjacent commercial development.

The new federal credit program proposed by President Clinton in his fiscal 1998 budget request would encourage development of projects with taxable financing associated with private investment, because it would provide federal credit support to such projects, thus providing an alternative to tax-exempt bonds for lowering the cost of capital, the analyst said.

Another approach is legislation reintroduced Feb. 14 by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn) that would create a new class of bonds under the tax code--so-called public benefit bonds. Under the bill, eligible pension fund investors that purchase such bonds, which would be issued to finance infrastructure facilities that may have private investment, would not be taxed on distributions from the pension fund. The bill was offered in the 104th Congress but no action was taken

Bilik said he needs to study proposals such as DeLauro's before drafting and offering a legislative proposal. The issues are complicated, and organized labor, while making infrastructure finance a high priority, is not going to rush in without understanding the issues, he said.

-- By Martha M. Canan and Pamela M. Prah

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CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-1997 09:35:29.00

SUBJECT: Morton Bahr letter

TO: David M. Strauss (CN=David M. Strauss/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sara M. Latham (CN=Sara M. Latham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: James A. Dorskind (CN=James A. Dorskind/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-1997 14:25:21.00

SUBJECT: Morton Bahr letter

TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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cc: James A. Dorskind/WHO/EOP, Melissa Green/OPD/EOP, Sara M.
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CREATOR: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-FEB-1997 10:39:19.00

SUBJECT: Guidance for McCurry on CPI

TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Peter R. Orszag (CN=Peter R. Orszag/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: April K. Mellody (CN=April K. Mellody/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Given the NY Times, WSJ and LA Times stories today, Mike would like guidance on CPI. Should we just have him repeat your quote (below) ad nauseam or do we want to go any further:

"Our goal is to find the best broad-based technical agreement on this technical issue. We have not ruled in or out any specific means for exploring where that agreement lies."

How about responses to questions.

Do you support the Lott proposal?

Has the President spoken to the Majority Leader about this proposal?

The Wall Street Journal and the Associated Press have reported that the White house has consulted seniors groups and organized labor about the CPI changes. What were the reactions of those groups?

And what will you do if AARP, the AFL-CIO, and the Democratic leadership on the Hill oppose any changes to the CPI?

We Will need to get guidance to McCurry soon.

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CREATOR: Michael J. Warren (CN=Michael J. Warren/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-FEB-1997 16:53:40.00

SUBJECT: Re: Health Care Meeting

TO: Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for the responses -- I actually pulled a bunch of stuff on J&J off the internet.

Re: Health care strategy -- is there old stuff (for example out of the AFL/CIO binder) that I can give Gene as background?

Thanks!
Anna

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Brenda M. Anders (CN=Brenda M. Anders/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-FEB-1997 18:25:39.00

SUBJECT: The Hill Radio Interview

TO: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'm sorry-- i would have sent this to Kathy but for some reason my email couldn't find her name.

The Hill would like to have Kathy Wallman on via telephone as a guest for 30 minutes at 9:30am, Thursday to talk about government contracting, as a follow-up to the VP at the AFL-CIO convention. The hosts are Marty Tolkin, founder of The Hill newspaper and Susie Katz of CNN. Please let me know if this is possible as soon as you get a free moment. Thank you, Brenda.

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CREATOR: Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 21:01:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: AFSCME

TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

Jeanne Lambrew (CN=Jeanne Lambrew/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

On 2/19/97, Chris, Bill White from Public Liaison, and I met with a group of about 6 people from unions including Marie Monrad and Ann Kempsey (sp) from AFSCME, as well as Peggy Connerton from AFL-CIO (Bill probably has the full list since he set it up). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our DSH policy. Prior to that point, they had not seen our document describing the proposed changes (it had been distributed at a hearing the previous week) and had not noticed last year that we had included the repeal of the merit pay requirements. We discussed it only briefly since they noticed it during the meeting as they paged through the document.

On 3/3/97, Nancy Ann called me to ask about the 2/19 meeting, because she had gotten a call from the VP's office in preparation for the following day's meeting between the VP and McEntee. I called Ann Kempsey and got an outline of their concerns (I can forward the memo that I wrote to Nancy Ann if you want it).

That's all I know.

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CREATOR: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 15:42:33.00

SUBJECT: National Manufacturers Association

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ellen S. Seidman (CN=Ellen S. Seidman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi -- Gene will be speaking at the National Manufacturers Association breakfast on March 20th. Gene has asked to start getting perpared for this meeting with any issue papers that he needs to know of interest to this group. Please let me know if I/the interns can help with this, or if the materials are already in another briefing binder (e.g., AFL/CIO) and I'll pull them from there.

Thanks,
Anna

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1997 15:35:26.00

SUBJECT: Carol Browner Meeting

TO: Elwood J. Holstein (CN=Elwood J. Holstein/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Elgie -- I looked up the last time this meeting was scheduled, and all there is is the briefing memo that you wrote on Particulate Matter/Ozone issues on Feb. 10. Is there anything else you'd like me to add to Gene's binder for tomorrow's meeting? [for example, you also gave him other background materials for his AFL/CIO trip -- would you like me to add these materials as well?]

Thanks,

Anna

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Melissa Green

03/10/97 10:10:13 AM

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To: Anna M. Gomez/OPD/EOP, Elwood J. Holstein/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject:

the browner meeting is on for tomorrow at 6:15pm

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 15:47:14.00

SUBJECT: Moe Biller

TO: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Moe Biller

TO: Peter R. Orszag (CN=Peter R. Orszag/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Peter -- this meeting is coming up next week.

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CREATOR: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1997 16:09:26.00

SUBJECT: Moe Biller

TO: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Anne -- here's a meeting coming up next week for ya. Melissa is being really good about letting me know about these now . . .

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CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 11:10:09.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Gay L. Joshlyn (CN=Gay L. Joshlyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hal Ponder called. AFL-CIO called at the suggestion of Greg Simon. He says that he NEEDS to speak with you before 12:30 re: a letter to the POTUS from one of their unions on Telecom
638-0320

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 17:53:52.00

SUBJECT: Re: AFL/CIO Welfare privatization meeting

TO: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Will do (tomorrow)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anna M. Gomez (CN=Anna M. Gomez/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 17:29:15.00

SUBJECT: AFL/CIO Welfare privatization meeting

TO: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Anne -- I just found out that Gene will be attending an AFL/CIO welfare privatization meeting in Bruce Reed's office this Friday at 2:00. Do you have any materials to give me for this meeting? Do you know what this is about? Any materials you do give me you must give me by 4:00 p.m. tomorrow because I have to have his book done before he leaves to go to Florida.

Thanks,

Anna

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 12:07:40.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Two things:

The Financial Modernization mtg for tomorrow at 6:00pm is canceled.

and there is a Welfare Privitization mtg on Friday at 2:00pm w/ AFL-CIO.
Gene will be late because of travel and Anne Lewis is out, who should
go?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1997 11:46:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: Volunteer Summit

TO: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Yes. I'll check with the people running the summit to see if they are in touch with the afl. In general, groups are only invited if they put up NEW commitments -- that is the criteria. But the AFL is a big player and ought to be involved.

Toby Donenfeld @ OVP

03/12/97 10:44:03 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject:Volunteer Summit

Hi Diana, I am in the VP's Domestic Policy office and am working with companies and other organizations to help connect all schools across the country to the Internet. Last year the VP made a commitment to connect all the schools in the EZs this year. The AFL-CIO has volunteered to come forward and help wire all the schools in the EZs and now the AFL-CIO wants to be invited to attend the Volunteer Conference. Do you have any suggestions or advice?

Thanks very much.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1997 19:03:56.00

SUBJECT: Welfare Privatization Meeting

TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kenneth S. Apfel (CN=Kenneth S. Apfel/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Gene B. Sperling (CN=Gene B. Sperling/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jill M. Pizzuto (CN=Jill M. Pizzuto/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The list of participants for tomorrow's 2:00 p.m. meeting:

Gerald Shea, AFL-CIO
Marc Baldwin, AFL-CIO
Debbie Goldman, CWA
Lee Saunders, AFSCME
Marie Monrad, AFSCME
Carol Golubock, SEIU
John Howley, SEIU

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1997 10:55:46.00

SUBJECT: Re:

TO: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

At Monday's meeting Bowles, Reed et. al agreed to a consultation process with the unions and I think tomorrow is designed to hear their concerns in more detail. Bruce specifically asked them if they could produce numbers of expected layoffs. Bowles indicated to them on Monday that they are likely to lose the battle over privatization.

Anne H. Lewis

03/13/97 10:53:14 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject:

Thanks for the voice mail. It clarified things for me. Do you know what the agenda for tomorrow's meeting with the AFL CIO is?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1997 19:15:25.00

SUBJECT: Welfare Privatization Meeting

TO: Kathleen M. Wallman (CN=Kathleen M. Wallman/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Melissa Green/OPD/EOP on 03/13/97
07:16 PM -----

Cathy R. Mays

03/13/97 07:06:12 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc: Melissa Green/OPD/EOP, Jill M. Pizzuto/OMB/EOP, Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP

Subject:Welfare Privatization Meeting

The list of participants for tomorrow's 2:00 p.m. meeting:

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Marc Baldwin, AFL-CIO

Debbie Goldman, CWA

Lee Saunders, AFSCME

Marie Monrad, AFSCME

Carol Golubock, SEIU

John Howley, SEIU

Message Sent

To:

Gene B. Sperling/OPD/EOP

Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP

Kenneth S. Apfel/OMB/EOP

Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP

Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1997 10:50:56.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for the voice mail. It clarified things for me. Do you know what the agenda for tomorrow's meeting with the AFL CIO is?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Melissa Green (CN=Melissa Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1997 15:56:12.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

are you calling AFL-CIO folks as well as internal folks for Gene? If so
here is the list:

Dan T.
Gene S
Lael B (not table)
Bob K(not at table)
Charlene
John P
Anne L (not at table)
Sylvia (FYI)
Erskine

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kenneth S. Apfel (CN=Kenneth S. Apfel/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-MAR-1997 10:55:57.00

SUBJECT: Meeting with Labor and letter from the House D's

TO: Gene B. Sperling (CN=Gene B. Sperling/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

In response to their request, we met yesterday with representatives of organized labor to respond to their concerns about the Administration's job training reform policy. Attending the meeting were representatives of the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, UAW, Steelworkers, and Machinists unions. The unions' two major concerns were:

Retaining a separately funded dislocated worker program. The unions are concerned that Governors, given discretion over the use of Federal job training funds, will use them to finance welfare reform implementation. They want the Administration to support earmarked funding for dislocated workers to ensure this does not happen. The unions point out that the President's May 20th letter to the CAREERS conferees advocated earmarked funding for dislocated workers; they wanted assurances that the Administration has not waived from this position.

They don't like Skill grants. The unions prefer the existing JTPA system of training contracts. They play a key role as training providers in that contracting system. If there are to be skill grants, they will be much more comfortable if they are tied to the current job training infrastructure.

Training-related services. Unions worry that all of JTPA's \$2.4 billion adult program funds would finance vouchers, with no funds remaining for JTPA's current nontraining activities. Unions view these services -- such as job search, counseling, and support services -- as essential services and part of the training infrastructure. 8

We explained that the Administration never has proposed to do away with funding for these job-related services. The G.I. Bill proposes a State grant for job-related services, and a Secretary's reserve for mass layoff grants. However, they fear that splitting out classroom training for vouchers is much more difficult than we think and could well lead to loss of local provider control over the non-training funds.

Clay-Kildee letter: I just receive a copy of letter from the House Democratic leadership on the Committee on Education and the Workforce to the POTUS that echoes some of Labor's sentiments, but is more supportive of skill grants if appropriate protections are provided. I will fax you a copy of the letter.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Elizabeth Drye (CN=Elizabeth Drye/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-APR-1997 12:08:42.00

SUBJECT: FMLA URGENT

TO: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FMLA memo to fed agencies may be the subject of this weeks radio address. I'm redrafting and drafting talking points today and will e-mail to you. Can you please call AFL-CIO today? We need to know ASAP whether there are any traps that will derail this. Sorry to bug you at home.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Michael Cohen (CN=Michael Cohen/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-APR-1997 11:03:11.00

SUBJECT: Al Shanker memorial

TO: James T. Edmonds (CN=James T. Edmonds/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I promised on Friday I would get you a phone number for Bella Rosenberg at AFT , and then I went out of town for the weekend without following up. Bella had been Al's special assistant for about a decade. You can reach her at 879-4562.

I talked to someone who had been at the memorial service held in NCY last week. I gather that each speaker, including the Mayor, Ted Kennedy, the head of the AFL-CIO, etc., took 5 minutes for personal reflections on Al. Is there someway to talk to POTUS before the event and get recollections of Shanker?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Wendy J. Einhellig (CN=Wendy J. Einhellig/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-APR-1997 15:17:56.00

SUBJECT:

TO: 4837 (4837 @ WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Urgent you call David Smith, AFL-CIO, 637-5369 (3:20pm, w)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Anne H. Lewis (CN=Anne H. Lewis/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-APR-1997 14:49:47.00

SUBJECT: Re: FMLA

TO: Jonathan A. Kaplan (CN=Jonathan A. Kaplan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I am inactively involved. Do I need to do something? The DPC is really in charge of this. I have read the earlier drafts of the paper. I checked with the AFL CIO to see if they would have any concerns (the answer is no). I haven't done paper for Gene b/c its turned into a 0-3 event and I didn't; think it was very important.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Susan_Frost@ed.gov@INET@LNGTWY (Susan_Frost@ed.gov@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN]

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-APR-1997 20:51:07.00

SUBJECT: ALEC and school construction

TO: Michael Cohen@EOP (Michael Cohen@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Kenneth S. Apfel@eop (Kenneth S. Apfel@eop [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Mike/Jennifer --- don't you feel better now that this e-mail is not on Goals?

FYI to All --- Joel periodically sends me e-mails from the "right" listserv... this one is the first we've seen on school construction... perhaps that means we are starting to gain momentum!!! susan

Forward Header

Subject: ALEC and school construction

Author: <JPacker@nea.org> at Internet

Date: 4/22/97 06:48 PM

FYI - an attack against the Clinton school construction piece from ALEC - a conservative state legislators group. Note the references to NSBA opposition. Please feel free to pass on to others.

Joel Packer
Senior Professional Associate for Government Relations
National Education Association
phone:822-7329, fax: 822-7741, e-mail: JPacker@nea.org

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WANT MORE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION? REPEAL DAVIS-BACON

The 1998 campaign season blasted off Tuesday, April 1, with the AFL-CIO launching one of the earliest preemptive strikes in recent memory. The

country's largest labor organization started running negative ads against representatives in 19 U.S. congressional districts -- 12 Republicans and seven Democrats. The ads, depicting a young mother standing in front of a crumbling school building, urged the targeted lawmakers to support the Clinton Administration's plan to spend more money on school construction projects. If people really want more money for school construction, they should consider eliminating prevailing wage laws that unnecessarily increase the costs associated with publicly funded construction projects. Below are talking points distributed by the Coalition to Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act:

1. No one can dispute that schools across the country are decaying and many are in decrepit conditions. In numerous cases, school resources that should have gone to school repairs and maintenance were diverted for other purposes and school children have not been adequately protected. However, if the President's proposed \$5 billion federal school construction program were implemented, it would expand the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements to local schools and would increase the cost of school construction by an average of 15 percent. Thus, the program will ultimately cost the taxpayers more to provide students with less.

2. The National School Boards Association (NSBA) opposes federal funding with Davis-Bacon requirements because it limits school districts' ability to fund their construction needs and stymies their efforts to reduce construction costs. Elimination of the Davis-Bacon Act for schools would permit school districts across the country to repair or replace aging school buildings at a much faster pace than is currently being done. Scarce tax dollars would go further for school construction projects. A 1995 NSBA study found that more than 60 percent of respondents said Davis-Bacon laws were responsible for increasing the cost of a recent construction project and over half said the increase was as much as 20 percent.

3. Instead of hindering school districts with the new layer of unnecessary costs and regulations that will come with federal money, Congress should lift these restrictions and give local school districts the flexibility to spend resources where they will most effectively meet students' educational needs. This money could be better spent on additional schools, more repairs and facility improvements, school books, computers, and other educational services that actually improve classroom learning and benefit school children.

4. Because of the added inflationary effect Davis-Bacon would bring, local schools districts are better off borrowing on their own rather than from the federal government. Prevailing wage laws require higher rates than the free market and interfere unnecessarily in the labor-management relationship of private firms. Additionally, government requirements for so-called "prevailing" work rules and craft boundaries force contractors to use job classifications that are restrictive and inefficient. These and other burdens imposed by Davis-Bacon laws significantly increase the cost of construction for taxpayers.

5. Eliminating Davis-Bacon requirements from school construction would benefit both those who provide and those who receive public education, as well as those who foot the bill.

STATE AND LOCAL EXAMPLES: Every school built in the District of Columbia was covered by Davis-Bacon Act requirements.

D.C. public school buildings are falling apart at a much faster rate than the national average.

Efforts should be made to guarantee that any supplemental appropriations to the District for school construction go toward their intended purpose; burdensome federal regulations such as Davis-Bacon should be lifted to guarantee more construction for the dollar.

Florida eliminated prevailing wage coverage for school construction in 1974. The Florida State School Board Association found that in four years free from prevailing rates (1974-1978), taxpayers saved \$37 million, approximately 15 percent of total school construction costs. This led Florida to repeal its entire "little Davis-Bacon" prevailing wage law.

In Maryland, the state's prevailing wage requirement increased the successful low bid for construction of a Montgomery County elementary school by \$332,000, or 17 percent.

West Virginia prevailing wage requirements were estimated to have increased three Preston County school construction projects from \$52 to \$78.81 per square foot, or more than 50 percent.

Pennsylvania's prevailing wage law requirements have been estimated to increase costs for school construction in South Central Pennsylvania by 11 percent.

The Kentucky state legislature excluded school construction from prevailing wage requirements in 1982. Savings were estimated to be an average of 11 percent. However, in 1996, the state reinstated school construction coverage under its reformed law, which is now projected to increase taxpayers' cost of school construction by \$35 million per year.

A 1977 study, Prevailing Wage Laws and School Construction Costs (by Dr. A. J. Thieblot, Jr.), found that eliminating school construction from the artificial constraints of prevailing wage legislation would result in considerable savings with "amounts at least in the tens of millions, if not in the hundreds of millions, each year." Statistical comparisons revealed the average per-classroom cost to be 13 percent lower for the 20 states free from prevailing wage restrictions than for the 28 others included in the survey (which translated to an annual potential savings of \$239 million, or more than \$8.5 million per state).

Eighteen states have chosen not to have a state prevailing wage act and three states have specifically exempted school construction from prevailing wage laws (the prevailing wage laws in two other states are not enforceable due to adverse court decisions). A new federal bond guarantee program for school construction will act as an "unfunded mandate" on those states by applying a condition of aid that requires them to dedicate a significant portion of their education money toward complying with federal regulations and inflated construction labor costs.

===== ATTACHMENT 2 =====

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-APR-1997 20:15:14.00

SUBJECT: Consultation List

TO: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Doris O. Matsui (CN=Doris O. Matsui/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: John P. Hart (CN=John P. Hart/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Alison E. Bracewell (CN=Alison E. Bracewell/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elisa Millsap (CN=Elisa Millsap/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Janet Murguia (CN=Janet Murguia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: John L. Hilley (CN=John L. Hilley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Marcia L. Hale (CN=Marcia L. Hale/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Below is the list for the first round of consultation calls regarding the race initiative. The purpose of these calls was to let these people know that we were working on something and that we were open to their input. Please review the list and report on whether you made the call assigned to you (or your principal) so that we know where we stand with these folks.

Thank you.

CONSULTATION LIST FOR RECONCILIATION REMARKS

NAME	ORGANIZATION	WH CONTACT
Jesse Jackson	Rainbow Coaliton	POTUS
Kwiesi Mfume	NAACP	Bowles
Andy Young	Former UN Ambassador	Bowles
Ted Kennedy	U.S. Senator	Bowles
Theo. Hesburgh	Former Pres. Notre Dame	Bowles or
Hart		
Xavier Becerra	Cong Hispanic Caucus	Echaveste
John Sweeney	Labor Leader AFL-CIO	Echaveste
Hugh Price	Urban League	Echaveste
Gov. Winter	Fmr. Gov	Echaveste
Michael Wenger		Echaveste
Henry Cisneros	Univision	
	Echaveste	
Dennis Archer	Mayor of Detroit	Hale
Willie Brown	Mayor of San Francisco	Hale
Rev. O ,Donovan	Pres. Georgetown University	Hart or
McAfee		
Patsy Mink	U.S. House of Representatives	Hilley
Rev Lowery	Chair, Black leadership Forum	Johnson
Bob Matsui	U.S. House of Representatives	Matsui
Wade Henderson	LCCR	Mathews
Vernon Jordan	Akin Gump	Mathews
Stephanapoulos	ABC	Mathews
Bill Galston	Prof.	Mathews
Taylor Branch	Author	Mathews
Rodney Slater	DOT Secretary	Mathews
Chris Edley	Prof.	Mathews
William J Wilson		
	Prof.	Mathews
Maxine Waters	Congressional Black Caucus	Moore
John Lewis	U.S. House of Representatives	Murguia or
Hilley		
Carol Mosely Braun	US Senator	Murguia or
Hilley		
Al FrommDLC		Reed

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CREATOR: Thomas A. Kalil (CN=Thomas A. Kalil/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-APR-1997 19:15:55.00

SUBJECT: NetDay EZ/ECs

TO: Jim Kohlenberger (CN=Jim Kohlenberger/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Jim:

Is there someone who has a list of the schools I could forward?

----- Forwarded by Thomas A. Kalil/OPD/EOP on 04/29/97
07:18 PM -----

nd96 @ netday.kqed.org

04/28/97 11:59:00 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Thomas A. Kalil

CC:

Subject: NetDay

The AFL-CIO wants to get rolling on Empowerment Zone schools in the Rio Grande and the Kentucky Highlands. I have written to the NetDay state organizers in TX and KY for a list of the EZ schools and addresses.

I am fearful that they won't have that information. Do you have another source for finding out EZ schools?

Thanks for your help.

Ann

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jonathan A. Kaplan (CN=Jonathan A. Kaplan/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-MAY-1997 10:17:10.00

SUBJECT: AFL-CIO resolution

TO: Charles R. Marr (CN=Charles R. Marr/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI.

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Katherine Hubbard
05/07/97 09:36:07 AM

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Subject: AFL-CIO resolution

The Department of Labor has alerted us that there is a possibility the AFL will adopt a resolution today coming out against the President's budget. I assume that Podesta is already aware of this. Let me know if you need a DOL contact to stay in touch with on this issue. Thanks.

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To:

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CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv (CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-MAY-1997 10:26:12.00

SUBJECT: budget guidance

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lori L. Anderson (CN=Lori L. Anderson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: MCHUGH_L (MCHUGH_L @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY [EOP]) (WHO)

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Just a reminder that budget guidance should probably include:

- 1) how we feel about cap gains effective date
- 2) AFL-CIO opposition

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CREATOR: Kristen E. Panerali (CN=Kristen E. Panerali/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-MAY-1997 11:15:53.00

SUBJECT: Re: NEC clearance

TO: Anna E. Cushing (CN=Anna E. Cushing/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

dan ok'd your letter to ronnie walraven, afl-cio.
thanks,
kristen

Anna E. Cushing

05/08/97 11:33:31 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Kristen E. Panerali/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject:NEC clearance

Kristen, Lael Brainard has been out of the office all week. I need clearance on a draft for a letter from Ronnie Walraven ASAP. If Dan Tarullo could clear/comment it would be a great help. I'm faxing the incoming and draft. Thank you!!

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CREATOR: Nicole R. Rabner (CN=Nicole R. Rabner/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1997 13:15:03.00

SUBJECT: child care

TO: Jennifer L. Klein (CN=Jennifer L. Klein/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I have another name for our discussions on child care. Karen Nussbaum, who as you probably remember was the head of the women's bureau at DOL, is now heading the AFL-CIO's women's office. She plans to focus significant time and resources on backing a yet-to-be-fleshed-out policy/legislative initiative on child care. We should talk with her at some point.

Karen Nussbaum, AFL-CIO
202/637-5064

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