

got, they have to be dealt with one-on-one from the grassroots up. And every American needs to be involved in community service like that, that the Government cannot solve some of these problems, and if we did more at the local level our Government would function better.

Mr. Smith. We're going to wrap things up from the White House when we come back.

[At this point, the network took a commercial break.]

Mr. Smith. We got Josh here from Indianapolis. What's the title of your paper you just wrote?

Q. Arkansas: The State Where the People Rule.

Mr. Smith. And you don't think you'll get extra credit for getting it signed by the President? [Laughter]

Ms. Zahn. This wraps our special 2-hour edition of "CBS This Morning," our town meeting with President Clinton. Thank you so much for your time today.

The President. Thank you very much.

Ms. Zahn. Will you ever invite us back into the Rose Garden here?

The President. Absolutely. I'd like for all of you to come back.

Ms. Zahn. All right. Have a good day everybody. See you in the morning.

NOTE: The town hall meeting began at 7:03 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks Following the House Vote on the Budget

May 27, 1993

For a long time now, the American people have wondered whether their Government in Washington could ever really work for them again, ever really face the tough problems. Well, tonight the House of Representatives gave America a victory of growth over gridlock. Tonight, the House showed courage and conviction. Tonight, the House made hard choices: to cut a quarter of a billion dollars in spending; to ask those most able to pay, the wealthy, to do more to reduce our deficit; to increase incentives to invest

and create jobs in the private sector; and to provide the incentives to make people at the bottom rungs of the economy prefer work over welfare. Tonight, the House said "no" to gridlock, "no" to the status quo, and "no" to the special interests who worked so very hard to frighten millions of Americans about this program. Tonight, the House said "yes" to jobs, "yes" to lowering the deficit, "yes" to lower interest rates, "yes" to a brighter future.

Tomorrow, we go on to the Senate, and we go back to the country. We have broken the gridlock. We are taking responsibility for the future. We are dealing with the tough problems. I am very, very proud of the people who tonight cast a very tough vote in a hard environment for a better tomorrow for America.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:40 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Announcement of Chief and Deputy Chief of Protocol at the Department of State

May 27, 1993

The President today announced his intention to appoint Molly Raiser to be the State Department's Chief of Protocol. He also intends to nominate her to the rank of Ambassador while serving in that capacity. In addition, he approved the appointment of Fred DuVal as Deputy Chief of Protocol.

"Molly Raiser is an outstanding individual who has worked in a variety of ways to make our Nation's Capital a better place to live and to increase the participation of women in American politics," said the President. "Along with Fred DuVal, she will do an outstanding job of ensuring that the diplomatic corps and the many foreign dignitaries who come to Washington each year are given a true American welcome."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Announcement of Ambassador to Canada

May 27, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate former Michigan Governor Jim Blanchard to be the U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

“Our relationship with Canada is absolutely vital,” said the President. “They are our largest trading partner and one of our closest neighbors. That’s why I am nominating an Ambassador in whom I place such a high degree of trust, my good friend Jim Blanchard. With a voice that will be clearly heard in both Ottawa and Washington, he will ensure that this important relationship continues to be productive for both countries.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Teleconference Remarks With Veterans in VA Medical Centers

May 28, 1993

The President. Vincent Maurio, are you there?

Vincent Maurio. Yes. My name is Vincent Maurio from Philadelphia Nursing Home Care Unit.

The President. And is Eugene Young there?

Eugene Young. Yes, I’m here at Bronx VA Nursing Home Unit.

The President. It’s good to hear all your voices. I’m here with Vice President Gore and with Hershel Gober who is the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. And as we move into Memorial Day weekend, we just wanted you to know and all veterans like you in hospitals all across America that we’re thinking about you, pulling for you. We know you wish you could be home and able to participate in the Memorial Day services. But we’re very, very excited about the fact that you have these phones in your rooms now thanks to the PT Phone Home Project.

And I want to say a special word of thanks to Frank Dosio who came up with this idea and to all the people who worked on it: Bell

Atlantic, C&P Telephone, NYNEX, and especially the workers, the Communication Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. There have been a lot of people who worked on this project, and we wanted to highlight that by talking to you three this morning.

And we thought it was an especially good time to do it as we head into Memorial Day. And I have a few notes about you guys. I know more about you than you know about me now. [Laughter] I wanted to say a special word of thanks to all of you. And Mr. Young, I understand you have a couple of sons in the service.

Mr. Young. Yes, I do, sir.

The President. And you ought to be able to talk to them more frequently now. Where are they?

Mr. Young. One, Korea; the other one in Italy in the Army, sir.

The President. Good for you. And you have a third child in college?

Mr. Young. Yes, Queens College.

The President. So, you have one child handy.

Mr. Young. Yes.

The President. Pretty close.

Mr. Young. Yes.

The President. And Mr. Maurio and Mr. Patenaude, both of you are veterans of World War II, is that right?

Mr. Maurio. That’s right.

Ken Patenaude. Yes, I am.

The President. Is it nice for you having those phones?

Mr. Young. Very nice.

Mr. Maurio. I think it’s an enormous accomplishment, and I think it’s going to be great for all of us. It’s going to get us easy access to reach our families and friends at home, a greater sense of privacy, and I think it’s going to instill in us yet a higher level of self-reliance, which of course in our conditions is very important.

So, I’m fascinated by the incredible technology and the genius that it takes to put this program together and this phone system together. And I’ve been witness to it all