

6½ years, when it's more than tripled, they'd have been all right if the stock market hadn't gone up. But they're a lot better off because the lives of average Americans have gone up. That's why the stock market's done better.

And so again, I'll say to all of you, we've got this phenomenal opportunity, the opportunity of a lifetime, of a whole generation, to use the last 16 months of this century to get the 21st century off to a rousing start for America. We just have to be faithful to the covenant we made with the people in 1992. We have to put first things first. We have to put people first. And if we do it, watch out, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

God bless you, and thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:35 p.m. in Hall D at the Miami Beach Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Morton Bahr, president, Communications Workers of America, and his wife, Florence; John J. Sweeney, president, AFL-CIO; and Robert A. Butterworth, State attorney general.

Statement on the Surrender of the Suspected "Railway Killer"

July 13, 1999

I want to thank all of the State, local, and Federal law enforcement officials whose hard work led to the surrender of the suspected "railway killer" earlier today. As a result of their determined efforts and the cooperation of Mexican authorities, the suspect is now in custody in the United States. All Americans can rest easier knowing that law enforcement authorities will bring the full force of the law to bear in this case.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Paraguay-United States Extradition Treaty

July 13, 1999

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, signed at Washington on November 9, 1998.

In addition, I transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty. As the report states, the Treaty will not require implementing legislation.

The provisions in this Treaty follow generally the form and content of extradition treaties recently concluded by the United States.

Upon entry into force, this Treaty would enhance cooperation between the law enforcement authorities of both countries, and thereby make a significant contribution to international law enforcement efforts. The Treaty would supersede the Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Paraguay signed at Asuncion on May 24, 1973.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

July 13, 1999.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on the National Emergency With Respect to Weapons of Mass Destruction

July 13, 1999

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

July 13, 1999.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Coral Gables, Florida

July 13, 1999

Well, thank you very much. I must say I have had a wonderful time in south Florida today, as I always do. I got to speak to the communications workers convention earlier today, and then I got to play golf with some of you in this room. I didn't play all that well, but I had a good time anyway. [Laughter] And now Coach Riley is giving me this Miami Heat gear, and I might say Hillary will be very jealous of me. She thinks that Pat Riley is the best looking person in the NBA. [Laughter] And we're thrilled by the success that you've had down here, Coach.

I have so many friends in this room, and I hesitate to even start to say any, but let me begin by saying, Alfie, you were there for me from the beginning, and you've been there—we've gone through some difficult times. And I want to thank you personally for the extraordinary effort that you made, with Mitch Berger and others, to resolve this issue of where we would go and how we would save the Florida Everglades. And now I think we're going to do it, and I thank all of you for being involved in this. I thank you.

I want to thank Attorney General Butterworth and Marta for being here, and Bill and Grace Nelson. And I almost never ran without opposition; I guess Bill's going to get through the primary without any. That's pretty impressive. That's the best way to run, I think. I want to say to all of you, that's a profoundly important race in 2000. We have a lot of highly competitive United States Senate races. And who wins will have a lot to do with what our country will be able to accomplish in the first 3 or 4 or 5 years of the next millennium.

I want to thank Representative Carrie Meek and Representative Alcee Hastings for being here, and I want to thank them for their wonderful support over the years. I want to thank my good friend Adele Graham for being here—and with her daughter and her about-to-be grandchild—[laughter]—and her son-in-law. Thank you. Bob was reminding me, their 10th grandchild—it doesn't seem—I knew Bob and Adele when

their kids were maybe not even all in high school. It seems impossible to me that they have, or are about to have 10 grandchildren.

I'm here tonight also because this State's been very good to me, from 1991, in December, when I won the Florida straw poll, thanks to a number of you in this room, including Representative Elaine Bloom—I hope you're going to send her to Congress to join Terry. Pat was telling me he wanted to make sure the Democrats targeted Florida in the year 2000 because I argued with all the Democratic Party people in '92, I said, "We can win Florida." They said, "You're crazy." And we nearly did, in spite of everything. I think we spent \$3.50 here in 1992—[laughter]—and took a lot out and nearly won anyway. And in '96—we had our first campaign meeting in 1995. I said there was one issue over which we will have no argument. The first meeting, 5 minutes into the first meeting, I said, "This year we're going after Florida, and we will win." And thanks to you, we did. And I thank all of you. So I'm very, very grateful to all of you for that.

And I'm also here because Charlie Whitehead has been my friend a long time. I'll tell you an interesting story. It's a little bit about human nature that you never forget. I first came to Florida to give a speech in 1981. Now, when I was invited to Florida to give a speech by Charlie Whitehead in 1981, he thought he was inviting the youngest Governor in America. Then we had the Reagan landslide, and it turned out he was inviting the youngest ex-Governor—[laughter]—in the entire history of the Republic, you know? [Laughter] You can't imagine what it was like back then unless you went through it, man. [Laughter] Our friends on the other side, some of them are fairly cold-blooded, and the guy that defeated me terrorized—I had contributors, people I had actually appointed to office who were afraid to speak to me on the street. True story.

So I was rather amazed that anybody still wanted me to come to Florida and get a sun-tan. And so I came and I made the best little talk I could. Then I got reelected, and he invited me back in '83. And then I got to come back in '87—so I became a regular fixture at the Florida Democratic Convention, and I came to love it very much.