

Speed Rail, and the Penn Station Redevelopment Project.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4556, approved September 30, was assigned Public Law No. 103-331. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 1.

**Statement on Signing the
Department of the Interior and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4602, the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

H.R. 4602 provides funds for various programs of the Departments of the Interior and Energy, the Forest Service (Department of Agriculture), and the Indian Health Service (Department of Health and Human Services). Funding for various independent agencies such as the Smithsonian Institution and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities is also included.

The Act provides important funding to further the protection and rehabilitation of America's inventory of natural and cultural assets, including our national parks and forests.

I am pleased that the Act includes funding to support a number of my energy conservation initiatives. These investments are important for our Nation's energy and environmental future.

The Act also provides \$200 million in additional emergency funding for Forest Service firefighting activities and \$250 million in additional contingent emergency firefighting funds, reflecting the severe 1994 fire season affecting national forests in many western States.

There are several provisions in the Act that purport to require congressional approval before executive branch execution of aspects of the bill. The Administration will interpret such provisions to require notification only, since any other interpretation would con-

tradict the Supreme Court ruling in *INS vs. Chadha*.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

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**Statement on Signing the
Departments of Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education, and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4606, the "Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

This Act provides funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; the Corporation for National and Community Service; the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and several smaller agencies. Programs within these agencies address the training and employment needs of our Nation's work force, the Federal role in our education system, and fundamental elements of our health care network.

This Act provides funding for a number of my high-priority investment proposals within the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. These include the Head Start program, Goals 2000 program, School-to-Work Opportunities program, dislocated workers assistance, education for the disadvantaged, AIDS treatment programs authorized under the Ryan White CARE Act, and the National Institutes of Health.

I am pleased that the Act provides my full request for childhood immunizations. This program will ensure that all children who do not have health insurance coverage for immunizations have access to immunizations at the appropriate age.

The Act provides funding for investment initiatives for automation and disability proc-

essing within the Social Security Administration (SSA). This will help SSA improve the quality of service to millions of Americans.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

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Statement on Signing the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1995
September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4649, the "District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1995." This Act provides \$712 million in Federal appropriations for the District of Columbia.

The Act requires the District of Columbia to reduce total FY 1995 spending from District funds by \$140 million. The Act includes enforcement mechanisms that require a reduction in the FY 1996 Federal payment if the District fails to balance its FY 1995 budget. The Act also includes a provision that requires the District to reduce its total employment level by 2,000 full-time equivalent positions in FY 1995.

Consistent with the Administration's request, the Act directs the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study that addresses the longer-term capital improvements and operation and maintenance requirements of the Washington Aqueduct facility. The study will consider alternative methods of financing such operation and maintenance and capital improvements, as well as alternative arrangements for ownership of the Washington Aqueduct facility. The study will be conducted in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Management and Budget, and the nonfederal public water customers of the Washington Aqueduct.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

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Statement on Signing the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1995

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4650, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1995." H.R. 4650 supports the Administration's major defense priorities and reflects a spirit of cooperation between the Administration and the Congress to provide for a strong national defense. My number one defense priority remains the training and readiness of our military forces. I am very pleased that the Congress has resolved difficult budget issues in such a manner that supports this priority. I also appreciate the support the Congress has given to key defense investment and modernization proposals.

The Act provides \$299 million in urgently needed supplemental FY 1994 funding for emergency relief for Rwanda and for emergency migrant processing and safe haven costs in and around Cuba. I designate the \$299 million provided as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1995, as amended. I am concerned, however, with the inflexibility of the provisions concerning the U.S. mission and military participation in Rwanda. I will interpret this legislation consistent with my constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States and my responsibility as Commander in Chief and as Chief Executive.

I am also concerned about section 8118 of this Act, which limits the Administration's flexibility to make reductions in certain personnel categories. This provision runs counter to the recommendations of the National Performance Review and this Administration's efforts to streamline Federal activities. It will hamper DOD's ability to manage its civilian personnel efforts efficiently.

I would point out that section 8136, which relates to changes in obligations under the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty), cannot restrict the constitutional options for congressional approval of