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TALKING POINTS

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE EMERGENCY COMPENSATION AND

SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE EXTENSION ACT OF 1975

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1975

I AM SIGNING INTO LAW TODAY H.R. 6900, THE EMERGENCY
COMPENSATION AND SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE EXTENSION
ACT OF 1975. THIS ACT WILL INSURE CONTINUED UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO AMERICANS, WHOSE BENEFITS WOULD HAVE
EXPIRED ON JULY 1.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEM IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT MEANS OF ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHOSE JOBS HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC RECESSION. FORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOW SEEING SIGNS IN THE ECONOMY THAT THE WORST OF THE DOWNTURN IS OVER AND THAT RECOVERY HAS ALREADY BEGUN. BUT WE KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME BEFORE THE EFFECTS OF THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMY ARE REFLECTED IN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. WE MUST, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THOSE OUT OF WORK AS THEY SEEK JOBS. THAT IS THE PURPOSE AND THE PROMISE OF THE LEGISLATION I AM SIGNING TODAY.

IN APRIL, I PROPOSED A BILL TO EXTEND THE
AVAILABILITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. SINCE THEN,
THE CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CONGRESS
AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE RESULTED IN THE BILL NOW BEFORE ME.

I AM GRATIFIED THAT, AS A RESULT OF THIS
COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT ADDITIONAL
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS WILL CONTINUE TO BE
AVAILABLE TO HELP EASE THE BURDEN ON THE UNEMPLOYED
UNTIL THEY ARE BACK AT WORK AGAIN. I PLEDGE THE
CONTINUED EFFORTS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO SPEED THAT
DAY'S ARRIVAL.

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