

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2021

Remarks on Signing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

March 11, 2021

Thank you for coming in. In the weeks that this bill has been discussed and debated, it's clear that an overwhelming percentage of the American people—Democrats, Independents, our Republican friends—have made it clear—the people out there made it clear they strongly support the American Rescue Plan.

Yesterday, with the final passage of the plan in the House of Representatives, their voices were heard and reflected in everything we have in this bill. And I believe this is—and most people, I think, do as well—this historic legislation is about rebuilding the backbone of this country and giving people in this Nation—working people and middle class folks, the people who built the country—a fighting chance. That's what the essence of it is.

And I'm going to have a lot more to say about that tonight and in the next couple of days, and be able to take your questions. But in the meantime, what I'm going to do is sign this bill and make the presentation tonight. And then, there's going to be plenty of opportunities where we're going to be on the road, not only talking about—what I'm talking about tonight is the impact on the virus and how we're going to end this pandemic. And we're going to talk all the elements of the bill, beginning Friday and Saturday and through the week.

So thank you for being here.

[At this point, the President signed the bill.]

Got it. Thank you all. Appreciate it.

Q. Mr. President, what's next? What's next after this?

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:07 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. H.R. 1319, approved March 11, was assigned Public Law No. 117–2.

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