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ON PASSAGE OF "ICE BILL"
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The approval of the "clean ICE" bill is something to celebrate. Congress has acted responsibly in approving emergency legislation similar to that which I proposed in January. This legislation will release to the states approximately \$7 billion in Interstate highway funds that had been delayed in Congress since last year due to disputes unrelated to these funds. As we have urged, this legislation does not create costly new spending authorizations or change the legal status of any highway project. The bill is therefore consistent with the President's budget.

Congress truly has averted a disaster. If it had not acted promptly to approve the Interstate Cost Estimate the entire 1985 highway construction season in some states would have been put in jeopardy.