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Clintom Signs Education Reform Plan into Law

WASHINGTON

President Clinton signed into law the framework for his administration's nationwide education reform Thursday, telling hundreds of delegates that he was creating "what we hope will be the standards for what every child in every American school should know." Students at San Diego's Zanenano Fine Arts Academy sat on a black-and-white American flag as Secretary of Education Richard M. Bollock and others spoke of Goals 2000 Act, which will create a new hands-on role for the federal government in local education initiatives.

The act provides $700 million in federal funds for 1995 for those states and school districts that voluntarily adopt standards to meet new federal guidelines for what students should be achieving at each grade level. The administration intends to ask for $1 billion in subsequent years.

Goals 2000 establishes voluntary guidelines in both academics and occupational skills, providing a yardstick so that parents and educators can judge whether their schools measure up.

Clinton Tries to Calm Stock-Market Jitters

WASHINGTON

President Clinton sought to calm a jittery stock market Thursday, saying that "these corrective things will happen from time to time, but then we'll be fine again." Clinton's remarks were aimed at preventing a panicked reaction by small investors, many of whom have little experience with the stock market and reflect concern among his advisers that the recent decline could prove much worse if individuals who have invested in mutual funds with poorly performing stocks rush to sell.

"What I'm trying to do is reassure people that we don't go beyond the need for a correction," Clinton said to reporters on the second day of his vacation at a seaside house in San Diego, where he is vacationing. "No one believes that there's a serious problem with the underlying economy. It's healthy." After more than three years of fairly steady increases, the Dow Jones average has declined roughly 12 percent in the last two months as interest rates have begun to climb. Despite Thursday's trading, in which the market closed slightly higher after an initial sharp fall, analysis shows below declines are all but certain.

U.S. Issues Annual Critique Of Foreign Trade Barriers

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The Clinton administration issued the annual critique of foreign trade barriers Thursday, portraying a still full of particular for future trade sanctions: if and if future trade sanctions fail to make its market more open to American goods and services.

"Like in an individual in criminal prosecution, the 281-page report is the first step leading toward possible trade sanctions under Section 301 of U.S. trade law and other statutes.

The report provides a glimpse of future U.S. actions against Japan in its pointed criticism of but not a direct challenge to a transnational trading partnership by regulating them under its restrictive "Gun and Stabilizing Tools" act.

Some of the criticisms in the report border on the trivial, such as the correlation between Japan's corporate media layout and the following of its economic goals.

The conclusions can be drawn from the report about the United States, which is the world's largest economic competitor and the world number six.

The report, released by the U.S. Trade Representative's general counsel, Noble, described how laboratory to laboratory studies have been conducted by dozens of publications authored by the scientific community and the tobacco industry's master plan to keep smokers addicted, to mislead the American public about the dangers and to keep the dangers in the dark about what is really going on.

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Tobacco Firm Charged With Surprising Nicotine Study

By William J. Eaton

WASHINGTON

In another blow to the tobacco industry, independent investigators charged Thursday that the United States was about to lose the fight to make its products safer. The administration is thinking about a new study of the safety of its own study in 1983 suggesting that nicotine was additive.

The research by a Philip Morris Co. scientist, who was fired five years after the nation's Attorney-General declared nicotine addictive, said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., a leading critic of cigarette manufacturers, was "risking a breach in the House of Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health and the environment," who released copies of the 1983 study as the congressman also charged Thursday that the chief executives of seven tobacco companies are being asked to testify about whether they adjust nicotine levels in cigarettes to keep smokers hooked.

"The nation's largest tobacco company has had relevant information for years about the important role of nicotine in preventing smokers from quitting," Waxman said at a news conference. "Despite this information, the tobacco industry has denied that nicotine is addictive.

Philip Morris issued a statement Thursday denying that its research found nicotine addiction and adding that the company had suppressed the results.

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Emergency Decree Aimed At Ending S. Africa Violence

By Bob Drogin

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