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BUSH: I'm not sure that – and I can understand if you haven't seen this, because there's been a lot of hue and cry. We passed the most furthest looking transportation bill in the history of this country since Eisenhower started the interstate highways – \$150 billion for improving the infrastructure. That happened when I was president. And so I'm very proud of the way that came about and I think it's a very, very good beginning. Like Mr. Perot, I am concerned about the deficits and \$150 billion is a lot of money, but it's awful hard to say we're going to go out and spend more money when we're trying to get the deficit down. But I would cite that as a major accomplishment. We hear all the negatives. When you're president you expect this. Everybody's running against the incumbent. They can do better. Everyone knows that. But here's something that we can take great pride in because it really does get to what you're talking about. Our home initiative – our home ownership initiative – HOPE – that passed the Congress is a good start for having people own their own homes instead of living in these deadly tenements. Our enterprise zones, that we hear a lot of lip service about in Congress, would bring jobs into the inner city. There's a good program. And I need the help of everybody across this country to get it passed in a substantial way by the Congress. When we went out to south central in Los Angeles – some of you may remember the riots there. I went out there. I went to a boys' club. And everyone of them – the boys' club leaders, the ministers – all of them were saying pass enterprise zones. We go back to Washington and very difficult to get it through the Congress. But there's going to be a new Congress. No one likes gridlock. There's going to be a new Congress because the old one – I don't want to get this man made at me – but there was a post office scandal and a bank scandal. You're going to have a lot of new members of Congress. And then you can sit down and say, help me do what we should for the cities. Help me pass these programs.

SIMPSON: Mr. President, aren't you threatening to veto the bill – the urban aid bill – that included enterprise zones?