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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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H.R. 3396 - Defense of Marriage Act
(Barr (R) Georgia and 117 cosponsors)

The President strongly opposes discrimination against any group of Americans, including gay and lesbian individuals, and he supports legislation to outlaw such discrimination in the workplace.

The President, however, has long opposed same sex marriage. Therefore, if H.R. 3396 were presented to the President as ordered reported from the House Judiciary Committee, the President would sign the legislation.

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE TALKING POINTS

The same-sex marriage bill is scheduled for Senate floor debate on Thursday. The Administration supports efforts by Senators Kennedy, Lieberman and Jeffords to amend the marriage bill to include the provisions of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Slightly revised and re-formatted talking points for use in connection with these topics are attached.