

The President named Phillip Caplan as Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary.

The President announced his intention to nominate James K. Robinson to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Las Vegas, NV, on March 18 and will return to Washington, DC, late the same evening.

The White House announced that the President will visit Rwanda while he is in Africa March 22–April 2.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning March 7.

March 12

The President announced his intention to nominate G. Edward DeSeve to serve as Deputy Director for Management in the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vivian Lowery Derryck to serve as Assistant Administrator for Africa at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

March 13

In the afternoon, the President met with Rev. Jesse Jackson in the Oval Office.

Later, the President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 10

Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar.

Charles R. Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Withdrawn March 10

Tracy D. Conwell, of Texas, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 1997.

Submitted March 11

Thomas Ehrlich, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of 5 years.

Dorothy A. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of 5 years, vice Walter H. Shorestein, term expired.

Stephen C. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of 4 years, vice Christopher Droney, resigned.

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001, vice Fay S. Howell, term expired.

Withdrawn March 11

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on October 9, 1997.

Submitted March 13

Mahlon Apgar IV,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of
the Army, vice Robert M. Walker.

Vivian Lowery Derryck,
of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of
the Agency for International Development,
vice John F. Hicks, Sr.

G. Edward DeSeve,
of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for
Management, Office of Management and
Budget, vice John A. Koskinen.

James K. Robinson,
of Michigan, to be an Assistant Attorney
General, vice Jo Ann Harris, resigned.

Withdrawn March 13

Jane G. Gould,
of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner
of Social Security for the term expiring Janu-
ary 19, 2001, which was sent to the Senate
on September 2, 1997.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released March 9

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy As-
sistant to the President for Health Policy
Chris Jennings and Deputy Assistant to the
President for Domestic Policy Elena Kagan
on the Patient Bill of Rights and tobacco leg-
islation

Announcement of the nomination for U.S.
District Judge for the District of Connecticut

Released March 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary: Jackson-
Vanik Waiver for Vietnam

Statement by the Press Secretary: Addition
of Rwanda to the President's Visit to Africa

Released March 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Mike McCurry

Released March 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Africa Schol-
ars Richard Anthony Joseph, Marina
Seassaro Ottaway, and Terrence Lyons on
the President's visit to Africa

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy
Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, Assistant
Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific
Affairs Stanley Roth, and Under Secretary of
State for Economic, Business, and Agricul-
tural Affairs Stuart Eizenstat on the Presi-
dent's meeting with Prime Minister Chuan
of Thailand

Fact sheet: U.S.-Thailand Relations

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy
Press Secretary Barry Toiv on the week
ahead and Deputy Assistant to the President
for Health Policy Chris Jennings on the Pa-
tient Bill of Rights

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved March 6¹

S. 927 / Public Law 105-160
National Sea Grant College Program Reau-
thorization Act of 1998

Approved March 9

S. 916 / Public Law 105-161
To designate the United States Post Office
building located at 750 Highway 28 East in

¹ This act was not received in time for inclusion
in the appropriate issue.