

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:25 p.m. in the Hanger 706. In his remarks, he referred to Col. Felix Grieder, USAF, Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, and Col. Tom Keitel, USAFR, Acting Commander, 512th Airlift Wing.

Statement on the Minnesota Tobacco Settlement and Tobacco Legislation

May 8, 1998

Every day, 3,000 young people start a habit that will kill 1,000 of them before their time. Three years ago, appalled by these trends, I committed this administration to stopping the sale and marketing of cigarettes to children. Now, thanks to our efforts and the persistence of State attorneys general, we have the best opportunity ever to pass comprehensive tobacco legislation that will save millions of our children from premature death.

Today we have learned that Minnesota has won important new concessions from the tobacco industry. The Minnesota settlement, like those reached earlier in Mississippi, Florida, and Texas, will help us combat tobacco industry marketing to kids. This action provides still further momentum to our effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation this year. All our Nation's children are at risk from tobacco, and we must have comprehensive national legislation to stop young Americans from smoking before they start, by raising the price of cigarettes, putting into place tough restrictions on advertising and access, imposing penalties on the industry if it continues to sell cigarettes to children, ensuring that the FDA has authority to regulate tobacco products, and protecting farmers and farming communities.

Digest of Other White House announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled from Palo Alto to Westwood, CA. In the evening, he traveled to Beverly Hills.

May 4

In the morning, the President traveled to San Fernando, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hans Mark to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate former Representative Norman Y. Mineta to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clyde J. Hart to be Administrator for the Maritime Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Donna Nigh as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

May 5

The President announced his intention to nominate L. Britt Snider to be Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency.

May 6

In the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy in the Oval Office.

May 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Dover, DE. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond W. Kelly to be Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate James E. Johnson to be Under Secretary for Enforcement at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elisabeth A. Breese to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement at the Department of the Treasury.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm on March 9–12.

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 May 5

Clyde J. Hart, Jr.,
of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, vice Albert J. Herberger, resigned.

Hans Mark,
of Texas, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, vice Anita K. Jones, resigned.

Norman Y. Mineta,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of 6 years (new position).

Submitted May 6

L. Britt Snider,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, vice Frederick Porter Hitz, resigned.

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 May 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Special Projects Todd Stern on the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing

Released May 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger to the annual Washington forum of Business Executives for National Security

Announcement of finalists for 1998–99 White House Fellowships

Released May 6

Announcement: U.S.-Italy Initiative to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children

Released May 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Special Adviser for Economic Initiatives for Ireland James Lyons on the President's new initiatives in support of peace in Northern Ireland

Statement by the Press Secretary: President To Address the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on International Drug Control

Statement by the Press Secretary: Establishment of Leifur Eiriksson Millennium Working Group

Released May 8

Fact sheet: "Class-Size Reduction and Teacher Quality Act"

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.