

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:58 a.m. at the Cushing Health and Sports Center. In his remarks, he referred to Casey Mendez, who introduced the President; Gladys Styles Johnston, chancellor, and L. Dennis Smith, president, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Gov. Mike Johanns and former Gov. Frank Morrison of Nebraska; President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea; and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

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.

December 3

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended the 23d Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

December 4

In the afternoon, the President met with congressional leaders in the Oval Office to discuss budget legislation.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by near-record snow on November 19–21.

December 5

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner honoring the Senate of the 107th Congress in the Great Hall of the U.S. Supreme Court.

December 6

The President declared a major disaster in Montana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms beginning October 31 and continuing through November 20.

December 7

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Michael King of

Barbados, Mohammed Bin Ali Thani Al-Khusaiby of Oman, Claudia Fritsche of Liechtenstein, Lisa Shoman of Belize, Al Asri Saeed Ahmed Al Dhahari of the United Arab Emirates, and Alfonso Ortega Urbina of Nicaragua. Later, he met with congressional leaders in the Oval Office to discuss budget legislation.

December 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Kearney, NE, and later, he visited Grand Platte Archway Monument. In the afternoon, he traveled to Omaha, NE, and later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint James C. Free as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Islam A. Siddiqui to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to appoint James R. Thompson, Jr., as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Smith Bagley, William F. McSweeney, and Thomas E. Wheeler as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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 December 2

Transcript of a telephone press briefing by Secretary of Education Richard Riley and Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Barbara Chow

Released December 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Released December 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Released December 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Released December 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the President's upcoming visit to Ireland and England

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's December 1 letter to President-elect Aristide of Haiti

Released December 8

Fact sheet: A Foreign Policy for the Global Age

Fact sheet: Scholarship for Service

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved December 5

H.J. Res. 126 / Public Law 106-537
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes

Approved December 6

H.R. 2941 / Public Law 106-538
To establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona

Approved December 7

H.J. Res. 127 / Public Law 106-539
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes