

The President announced his intention to nominate Theodore H. Kattouf to be Ambassador to Syria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Maureen Quinn to be Ambassador to Qatar.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arlene Render to be Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcelle Wahba to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

The President designated John E. Higgins to be Acting General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President designated Peter J. Hurtgen to be Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and order Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning March 23 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, flooding, and tornadoes on April 10–23.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms and flooding on March 5–31.

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides beginning on May 6 and continuing.

May 17

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Paul, MN, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Nevada, IA.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as Governors on the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross: David Thomas McLaughlin, Anthony Joseph Principi, Donald Louis Evans, Richard Lee Armitage,

Tommy G. Thompson, Roderick R. Paige, Joe M. Allbaugh, and Gen. Henry H. Shelton.

The President declared a major disaster in Colorado and order Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms on April 11–22.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, flooding, and ice jams on March 1–April 30.

May 18

In the morning, the President traveled to Conestoga, PA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC, where he attended a Cuban Independence Day event in the East Room at the White House.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Nicholas Burns to be the U.S. Permanent Representative to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with the rank of Ambassador.

The President designated Frank D. Yturria to be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President designated Patricia Hill Williams to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The White House announced that the President will visit Slovenia in June.

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 14

Paul Vincent Kelly, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), vice Barbara Mills Larkin.

Lynn Leibovitz,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Stephen G. Milliken, retired.

George Tracy Mehan III,
of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice J. Charles Fox, resigned.

John D. Negroponte,
of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, vice Richard Holbrooke.

John D. Negroponte,
of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Peter W. Rodman,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Edward L. Warner III.

Brian Carlton Roseboro,
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Lewis Andrew Sachs, resigned.

Allan Rutter,
of Texas, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, vice Jolene Mortiz Molitoris, resigned.

Patricia Lynn Scarlett,
of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vice M. John Berry.

Submitted May 16

Angela Antonelli,
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, vice Richard F. Keevey.

Lori A. Forman,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Robert C. Randolph, resigned.

Pierre-Richard Prosper,
of California, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, vice David J. Scheffer.

Charles J. Swindells,
of Oregon, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Samoa.

Margaret DeBardleben Tutwiler,
of Alabama, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Submitted May 17

George L. Argyros, Sr.,
of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra.

Howard H. Baker, Jr.,
of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

Richard F. Cebull,
of Montana, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Montana, vice Jack D. Shanstrom, retired.

Robert E. Fabricant,
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Gary S. Guzy, resigned.

Sam E. Haddon,
of Montana, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Montana, vice Charles C. Lovell, retired.

Allen Frederick Johnson, of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Gregory M. Frazier.

Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, vice Mary Mel French.

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 14

Announcement of nomination for Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Released May 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released May 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Puerto Rico

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nebraska

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Minnesota

Released May 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to South Dakota

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Colorado

Released May 18

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's upcoming visit to Slovenia

Announcement of nominations for District Judges on the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana

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.