

**Statement on Resignation of
Governor James S. Gilmore III of
Virginia as Republican National
Committee Chairman**

November 30, 2001

Jim Gilmore is a close friend and valuable ally. He answered my call to lead the Republican Party through a challenging and dynamic election. He has done so with fervor and conviction. He has advanced our principles of limited but active government and promoted compassionate priorities that strengthen American families, keep Americans safe, and encourage individual responsibility.

There are few who embody public service the way that Jim Gilmore does, serving as Governor of Virginia, chairman of a national commission on terrorism, and leader of the national Republican Party all in the same year.

There is no greater priority on this Earth than one's family, and I respect and understand the decision Governor Gilmore has made. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors and will continue to seek his wise counsel as a friend and confidante.

**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.

November 25

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

November 26

In the morning, the President met with his National Security Council.

November 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan concerning cooperation against ter-

rorism, events in Afghanistan, and Middle East peace efforts. Later, he met with his Homeland Security Council, and he also met with former Senator John C. Danforth, U.S. Special Envoy for Peace to the Sudan, to discuss human rights in the Sudan.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Oval Office with the presidents of the International, U.S., and Salt Lake City Olympic Committees to discuss the 2002 Winter Olympics opening February 8, 2002, in Salt Lake City. Later, he met in the Oval Office with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven Joseph Chabot to be U.S. Representative to the 56th Session of the UN General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eni F.H. Faleomavaega to be U.S. Representative to the 56th Session of the UN General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stephen Hammerman, Floyd H. Flake, and William Harry Berdine as members of the White House Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

The President announced his intention to designate Daniel R. Mulville as Acting Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

November 28

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, mudslides, and landslides on November 7 and continuing.

November 29

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. James S. Gilmore III of Virginia concerning the Governor's decision to resign as Republican National Committee chairman.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, on December 1 to attend the Army-Navy football game at Veterans Stadium.

The President announced his intention to nominate Naomi Churchill Earp to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and, upon confirmation, to designate her as Vice Chairman.