

drug education program. It works with coalitions around the State for best practices for community based antidrug efforts. It conducts workshops to train faith-based leaders on effective drug prevention strategies.

Senator Grassley, I appreciate you taking the lead. It's a hard job being a Senator, but it's easy to forget the community responsibilities when you get elected to such a high office as Senator. And yet this Senator never forgot where he came from. This Senator asked a question, "What can I do"—just like you asked that question, "What can I do"—to improve the lives of the citizens of a State he so dearly loves. And he chose to fight, stand side by side with the good citizens of Iowa to fight drug use. And Mr. Senator, thank you for your leadership.

I'm so happy to be able to sign an important piece of legislation in your presence. The bill I sign today increases the total amount of funds authorized for programs like the ones we just described from more than \$50 million a year in the current fiscal year to nearly \$100 million by the year 2007. It allows coalitions to reapply for grants even after 5 years, as long—[*applause*—]make sure you meet your matching fund requirement. [*Laughter*]

It instructs Director Walters to focus the greatest resources on areas of the greatest needs, by giving priority to coalitions that serve economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. The reauthorization bill creates a new class of grants that will help established coalitions assist new ones, assist new folks on how to battle this scourge called drug use. And the bill creates a National Community Anti-drug Coalition Institute to provide education and training and technical assistance to coalitions all throughout our country.

There are other steps we must take. Many of you are working with faith-based institutions, because you've seen the power of faith to transform lives. Last month, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, led by Joe Califano, released a report on substance abuse, religion, and spirituality. The report found that "religion and spirituality can play a powerful role in the prevention and treatment of substance abuse and on the maintenance of sobriety."

My armies of compassion legislation will provide support to faith-based institutions working to prevent and treat drug abuse. The House passed this legislation. I urge the Senate to do so. This Nation must not fear faith-based programs; we must welcome them. We must welcome anybody who is willing to join in this important goal and in this important cause.

We've got a responsibility here in Washington to lead the fight against drug abuse. But we understand here that one of the best ways to do so is to support the people in the neighborhoods, on the streets, the community coalitions which are truly the front line in our battle to save people's lives. You've devoted your lives to the well-being of others, and for this I'm incredibly grateful. On behalf of all Americans, thank you for your compassion; thank you for your concern; thank you for your love for your country and your fellow human being.

And now it is my honor to invite Director Walters and General Dean, along with the sponsors of this important piece of legislation, to join me as I sign this bill.

May God bless you all, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:25 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Maj. Gen. Arthur T. Dean, chairman and chief executive officer, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America; and Joseph A. Califano, Jr., chairman and president, National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. H.R. 2291, approved December 14, was assigned Public Law No. 107-82.

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 8

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to New Windsor, MD, and later to Camp David, MD.

December 9

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Building Museum to participate in "Christmas in Washington," a television production which will air at 8 p.m. on December 16. In the evening, they returned to the White House.

December 10

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with his National Security Council. Later, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a children's story hour in the East Room, where they read to first graders from Hoffman-Boston Elementary School in Arlington, VA.

In the afternoon, the President met with members of the 2001 NCAA men's wrestling champion University of Minnesota Gophers in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Jewish leaders. He and Mrs. Bush then met with White House staff members and their families for a Hanukkah celebration.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Magaw to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

December 11

In the morning, the President traveled to Charleston, SC. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to Washington on December 21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond L. Orbach to be Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathleen P. Utgoff to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter Charles DeShazo for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as head of

the U.S. delegation to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

December 12

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with congressional leaders to discuss proposed economic stimulus legislation. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with his National Security Council.

In an afternoon ceremony at the White House, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Mohamedou Ould Michel of Mauritania; Anare Jale of Fiji; Sakthip Krairiksh of Thailand; and Nikola Dimitrov of Macedonia. Later, he attended a Diplomatic Corps holiday reception at Blair House.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Holland to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: Lex Frieden, Chairperson; Jacqueline Kelly Collamore; Carol Hughes; Barbara Gillerist; Graham Hill; Patricia Pound; Robert Davila; Young Woo Kang; Stephanie Smith Lee; and Kathleen Martinez.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology: Charles Joel Arntzen; Norman R. Augustine; Carol Ann Bartz; M. Kathleen Behrens; Erich Bloch; Stephen B. Burke; Gerald Wayne Clough; Michael S. Dell; Raul Fernandez; Marye Anne Fox; Martha Diane Winters Gilliland; Ralph E. Gomory; Bernadine Patricia Healy; Robert John Herbold; Barbara Kilberg; Walter Eugene Massey; Gordon E. Moore; Kenneth Nwabueze; Steven Gerald Papermaster; Luiz M. Proenza; George Martin Scalise; and Charles M. Vest.

December 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jiang Zemin of China concerning the U.S. decision to withdraw from the ABM Treaty. The President also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of

India to express his condolences concerning the armed attack on the Indian Parliament in New Delhi earlier in the day.

During the day, the President had telephone conversations with Democratic Senators concerning proposed economic stimulus legislation.

December 14

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with his National Security Council. Later, he met with Members of Congress concerning textiles and textile workers.

During the day, the President received treatment at the White House physician's office for the removal of skin lesions on his face.

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 December 10

Christopher James Christie, of New Jersey, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of 4 years, vice Faith S. Hochberg, resigned.

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James Duane Dawson, of West Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of 4 years, vice Charles M. Adkins.

William Carey Jenkins, of Louisiana, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years, vice Ronald Joseph Boudreaux, resigned.

Dwight MacKay, of Montana, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of 4 years, vice William Stephen Strizich, resigned.

Ronald Richard McCubbin, Jr., of Kentucky, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of 4 years, vice E. Douglas Hamilton.

David Reid Murtaugh, of Indiana, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of 4 years, vice Michael D. Carrington.

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy, vice Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus.

Submitted December 13

Andrea G. Barthwell, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, vice Fred W. Garcia, resigned.

Nehemiah Flowers, of Mississippi, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of 4 years, vice Eisenhower Durr.

Arthur Jeffrey Hedden, of Tennessee, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of 4 years, vice Joseph Clyde Fowler, Jr.

Robert B. Holland III, of Texas, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 2 years, vice Michael Marek, term expired.

David Glenn Jolley, of Tennessee, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of 4 years, vice Wesley Joe Wood.

John Magaw, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security for a term of 5 years (new position).

Dennis Cluff Merrill, of Oregon, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Oregon for the term of 4 years, vice Reginald B. Madsen, resigned.