

**Statement on Senator Fred Thompson's Decision Not To Seek Reelection**

*March 8, 2002*

Senator Fred Thompson has served the people of Tennessee with honor, distinction, and class. He has worked tirelessly for Tennessee's interests, as well as for the national interest. While I will miss Fred's service in the Senate, I wish him all the best and will always call him a friend.

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**Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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**March 3**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC. In the evening, they attended a gala at Ford's Theatre.

**March 4**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Eden Prairie, MN, and later to Minneapolis, MN. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

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 a severe winter storm on December 24–29, 2001.

**March 5**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then met with Republican congressional leaders from the House and the Senate to discuss counterterrorism efforts and domestic issues.

In the afternoon, the President met with His All Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members

of the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts: Catherine Todd Bailey; Lawrence E. Bathgate II; Ronald Aram Berberian; Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss; Kevin Arlen Crass; Daniel Frank Cronin Crowley; James Frederick Dicke II; David Judson Fisher; Timothy Fuller; James Arthur Haslam II; Brenda LaGrange Johnson; James Casey Kenny; Nancy Goins Kinder; Patrick Alexander Lopez Negrete; Karin F. Luter; Loretta Webb Lynn; P.E. MacAllister; Augustus Chole Miller; Carlos Dario Olamendi; Julie Jones Oles; Juan Alfonso Sabater; Dwight Schar; David Lee Sokol; Fred Douglas Thompson; Vance Michael Thompson; David Richard Tyson; Llewellyn Orcutt Ward III; Cortright Wetherill, Jr.; Yvonne Renee Davis; Judith Ann Eisenberg; Joseph James O'Donnell; Margaret Alexander Parker; John Whitney Payson; Clyde Armand Rodbell; Connie Russell Schmett; and Barbara U. Stephenson.

**March 6**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met in the Oval Office with members of the Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg in the Oval Office.

**March 7**

In the morning, the President met with the Homeland Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with labor organization leaders to discuss proposed energy legislation and other issues. He also met separately with members of Congress to discuss proposed energy legislation.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and his family to their ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 5–7.

**March 8**

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Petersburg, FL, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fred S. Zeidman as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and, upon appointment, designate him as Chair.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada at the White House on March 14 to review key bilateral issues and planning for the June 2002 G-8 meeting in Kananaskis, Canada.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted March 4**

Albert Casey,  
of Texas, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009, vice Tirso del Junco, term expired.

James B. Comey,  
of New York, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice Mary Jo White, term expired.

Robert Patrick John Finn,  
of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Afghanistan.

Thomas A. Marino,  
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years, vice David M. Barasch, term expired.

Patrick E. McDonald,  
of Idaho, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of 4 years, vice James Howard Benham, term expired.

John Edward Quinn,  
of Iowa, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years, vice Dennis H. Blome, term expired.

Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker,  
of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Arms Control), vice Avis Thayer Bohlen.

Robert R. Rigsby,  
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, vice Reggie Barnett Walton, elevated.

Don Slazinik,  
of Illinois, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of 4 years, vice Terrence Edward Delaney, term expired.

Michael E. Toner,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007, vice Darryl R. Wold, term expired.

Kim Richard Widup,  
of Illinois, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of 4 years, vice James L. Whigham.

**Submitted March 6**

Peter A. Lawrence,  
of New York, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice John Patrick McCaffrey, term expired.

Jeffrey D. Wallin,  
of California, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Ron Chew.

**Withdrawn March 6**

Frederick R. Heebe,  
of Louisiana, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term