

the reforms reflect the principles outlined by the bipartisan Ford/Carter Commission that respect the primacy of State and local governments and envision a limited but responsible role for the Federal Government.

Statement on House of Representatives Action on Pension Reform Legislation

April 11, 2002

Employees need more information about their pension plans and more control over them. I commend Chairman Thomas, Chairman Boehner, and Congressman Portman, and the bipartisan majority in the House for passing pension reform legislation that accomplishes these objectives. The reforms will give employees better access to investment advice, additional notice of blackouts, and increased ability to diversify. Importantly, the reforms adhere to the principle that what is right for executives is also right for workers. I look forward to Senate action on this critical issue.

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.

April 6

In the afternoon, from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner at the Bush Ranch for Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, his wife, Cherie, their daughter, Kathryn, and Mrs. Blair's mother, Gale Booth.

April 7

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

April 8

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he traveled to Knoxville, TN.

In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Rudolf Schuster of the Slovak Republic to the White House on June 7.

April 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Bridgeport, CT, and later to Greenwich, CT. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Mohamed VI of Morocco at the White House on April 23 to discuss developments in the Middle East and other key bilateral issues.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart D. Rick to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Herbert Monroe Allison, Jr., Robert Leamon Bryant, Chung Wook Kim, Tuan Joseph Pham, Frank Jao, and Marilyn Castor Mashon Pattillo.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: George M. Kraw and Judith F. Mazo (Employee Representatives), and Mary Ann Melody Larson McDonald (Public Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Judson C. Ball, Bray Bruce Barnes, William Dewayne Dunlap, Ann Hundley Hoover, Linda Nordstrom, Wilbur O. Powers, Noel Quinones, Juan F. Woodroffe, and T. Caroline D. Wyly.

The President announced his intention to designate Terry Bathen as Acting Inspector