

The President. Well, first, let me address the supplemental. I submitted a supplemental, and when I did so, I was mindful that oftentimes supplementals become—a supplemental can be a vehicle for a lot of additional spending. In order to make sure our economy remains strong, we've got to watch the line on spending. And so when I said, when I submitted the supplemental, that this was a number that was comfortable with, I meant that.

In terms of the resolution, I haven't seen it, but I'm not surprised that Congress would want to express its strong support of Israel. This is clearly a Congress that believes that our relationship with Israel is unique, and Israel is a democracy. I also hope and believe that Congress recognizes we've got interests in the area as well, beyond Israel, that we've got—have good relationships with the Saudis and the Jordanians and the Egyptians, and our foreign policy is aimed to do that. People know exactly where I stand, and that's very important in the realm of foreign policy.

Now I've got to go over to a friendraiser.

RNC Luncheon/Logan Walters Wedding

Q. A friendraiser?

The President. Well, that's opposed to a fundraiser.

Q. What's a friendraiser? Tell us about that.

The President. A friendraiser? Well, it's a—well, it's just kind of a cute way of saying I'm going to go over and see people and thank them for being a part of my campaign. And they actually get to do this for free. And I'm glad. But these will be people, evidently, from all around the country. I haven't seen the list, but I'm told that they are. And I look forward to thanking them. It's really a way of thanking people, many of whom I—I suspect I haven't seen since I've been the President. It's a nice, casual setting to say hello to people, and I'm looking forward to it.

And then, of course, tomorrow night, for those of you who followed the campaign, we'll all be going to watch little Logan get married. It's going to be an emotional moment for us, because we love Logan. And interestingly enough, Logan is marrying the niece of Don Evans' wife. And so I've known

them for a—known the family for a long period of time. Logan's bride's father was the Boy Scout in my Cub Scout den. Now, you can chew on that for the rest of the day. [Laughter]

Root [Jay Root, Fort Star-Telegram], good to see you. How's little Root?

Q. Good, he's doing good. His fingers are about like mine. [Laughter]

The President. That's good. Tell him hello for me. Tell the bride hello.

Q. You know, they've got a lot of planes out at the airport there.

The President. Are there?

Q. [Inaudible]—little planes—[inaudible]—flying in—

The President. Well, they're coming in for a friendraiser.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:42 a.m. at the Bush Ranch. In his remarks, he referred to Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia; Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority; and Logan Walters, former Presidential Aide, and his fiancée, Katherine Marinis, executive assistant, political affairs, Executive Office of the President. A reporter referred to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel.

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 22

In the morning, the President traveled from Camp David, MD, to Wilmington, NY, where he worked on a trail maintenance project on the Ausable River Trail in Adirondack Park. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

April 23

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. In the afternoon, he met with Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of Bulgaria to discuss Bulgaria's potential admission into NATO.

April 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Wentworth, SD. In the afternoon, he traveled to Sioux Falls, SD. In the evening, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to designate John L. Howard as Federal Environmental Executive of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his appointment of Mark A. Carter, John G. Cruz, and Grace Flores-Hughes as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint John Paul Hammerschmidt as a member of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans and, upon appointment, to designate him Cochair.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.: Audrey J. Roberts (retailers/consumer representative), Kenneth Rocks (labor representative), Donald R. Elliot (industry representative), Diane K. Morales (defense representative), and David D. Spears (agriculture representative).

April 25

The President announced his intention to nominate James Franklin Jeffrey to be Ambassador to Albania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roel C. Campos and Harvey Jerome Goldschmid to be Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

April 26

In the morning, from the Bush Ranch, the President had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to express his condolences concerning recent terrorist attacks in the Philippines. Later, he had a teleconference with economic advisers.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon at a neighboring ranch in Crawford.

**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 April 22

Michael F. Duffy,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2006, vice James Charles Riley.

Carol C. Gambill,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of 3 years (new position).

James Knoll Gardner,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Jan E. DuBois, retired.

Thomas Forrest Hall,
of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Deborah Roche Lee, resigned.

G. Wayne Pike,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia for the term of 4 years, vice Larry Reed Mattox, term expired.

Mark G. Yudof,
of Minnesota, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of 2 years (new position).

Submitted April 25

James Franklin Jeffrey,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Richard M. Russell,
of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, vice Arthur Bienenstock.