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The second sentence of section 3(b) of the Act reads: "Upon the acquisition of the property referenced in this subsection, the Secretary add it to Vicksburg National Military Park and shall modify the boundaries of the park to reflect its inclusion." It is plain in reading the sentence that a word is missing between the words "Secretary" and "add."

In accordance with section 106 of title 1 of the United States Code, enrolled bill S. 1175 was presented to me bearing the signatures of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, which attests that both Houses passed the bill. In accordance with the principles enunciated by the U.S. Supreme Court in Marshall Field & Co. v. Clark in 1892, I take the bill presented as being duly enrolled and shall not turn to the journals of either House, the reports of congressional committees, or other documents printed by the authority of Congress in an effort to determine whether an error in the enrollment of S. 1175 has occurred.

Recognizing that the second half of the sentence in issue provides that the Secretary "shall" modify park boundaries to reflect inclusion of the property in the Park, the most reasonable construction of the first half of the sentence is that, after the Secretary of the Interior acquires the property, addition of the property to the Park by the Secretary is mandatory. Accordingly, the executive branch shall implement the second sentence of section 3(b) of the Act in the same way it would implement the Act if the word "shall" appeared in that sentence between the words "Secretary" and "add." This construction is faithful to the legislative intent as evidenced by the content of the statute itself.

George W. Bush

The White House,
October 11, 2002.

NOTE: S. 1175, approved October 11, was assigned Public Law No. 107–238. An original was not available for verification of the content of this statement.

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.

October 5

In the morning, the President traveled from the Bush family home on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, ME, to Manchester, NH. In the afternoon, he returned to Kennebunkport.

October 6

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

October 7

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cincinnati, OH. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his appointment of William Brock, Dennis Nolan, and Patrick Hardin as members of the Board of Inquiry to report on the labor disputes affecting Pacific coast ports.

October 8

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

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

In the evening, the President attended the Republican National Committee's Eagles fall national meeting at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel. Later, he returned to the White House.

October 9

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President dropped by a lunch hosted by Mrs. Bush for Queen Sirikit of Thailand. Later, he met with Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss developments related to the nomination of Dennis W. Shedd to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 4th Circuit.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adm. James M. Loy to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Cofer Black to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the Department of State, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Humanities: Jewel Spears Brooker, Dario Fernandez-Morera, Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, David Hertz, Stephen McNight, Sidney McPhee, Lawrence Okamura, Marguerite Sullivan, and Stephan Thernstrom.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board: Richard Halleck Brodhead, Rita DiMartino, Ronald Spogli, and Robert Leon Woodson, Sr.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Isidore beginning on September 23 and continuing through October 1.

October 10

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Clinton, MD, where he attended the funeral service for Harold Hancock, former White House doorman. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

October 11

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former President Jimmy Carter to congratulate him on winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings.

During the day, the President met with a group of State legislators. Later, he met with members of Americans for Tax Reform.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a National Book Festival gala and dinner at the Library of Congress. Later, they returned to the White House.

The President announced his intention to nominate Feliciano Foyo to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

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 October 10

John R. Adams,
of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, vice George Washington White, retired.

J. Cofer Black,
of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, vice Francis Xavier Taylor.

J. Daniel Breen,
of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, vice Julia Smith Gibbons, elevated.

Jewel Spears Brooker,
of Florida, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008, vice Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, term expired.

Cormac J. Carney,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Carlos R. Moreno, resigned.

Dario Fernandez-Morera,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008, vice Susan E. Trees, term expired.