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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.

March 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to discuss the war on terror, efforts to rebuild Afghanistan, and President Karzai's appearance before the U.S. Senate on February 26.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Gridiron Club dinner at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

March 10

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jiang Zemin of China to congratulate him on his years of service to his country and to discuss China-U.S. relations and the situations in North Korea and Iraq. The President also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to discuss the situation in Iraq, South Africa-U.S. relations, and to congratulate President Mbeki for his work on peace efforts in the Congo. He also had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to discuss the situation in Iraq and Oman-U.S. relations.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and Chairman Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey's AK Party to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President met with Veterans of Foreign Wars youth medal winners.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert S. Nichols to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Suedeen G. Kelly to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

March 11

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers, USAF. Later, he met with Attorney General John Ashcroft to discuss the initiative on using DNA to solve crimes.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Ricardo Lagos of Chile, President Vicente Fox of Mexico, Prime Minister John Howard of Australia, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy, and President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joe D. Whitley to be General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to designate Michael J. Garcia as Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and to nominate him to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The President announced his intention to designate Richard Seybolt as Federal Commissioner and Chairman of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission (Arkansas and Oklahoma).

The President announced his intention to designate David Vandergriff as Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission (Arkansas and Oklahoma).

The President announced his intention to appoint Kenneth C. Canterbury, Jr., as a member of the Medal of Valor Review Board (Law Enforcement).

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 2–4.

The President declared an emergency in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

March 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Zayid bin Sultan Al Nuhayyan of the United Arab Emirates to discuss the situation in Iraq. He also had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to discuss the situation in Iraq, President Macapagal-Arroyo's upcoming state visit to the U.S., and efforts to combat terrorism in the southern Philippines.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers, USAF.

Also in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan and President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with bipartisan Members of Congress to discuss proposed medical liability reform legislation.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Hewitt Pate to be Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Helen R. Meagher La Lime to be Ambassador to Mozambique.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric M. Javits for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

March 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of Bulgaria to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland and Northern Ireland leaders.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jeane J. Kirkpatrick as U.S. Representative on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert P. Liscouski as Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Paul J. Redmond as Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis at the Department of Homeland Security.

March 14

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, King Abdullah II of Jordan, and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East. He also had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Anders

Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark and Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President met with victims of 1988 chemical weapons attacks by the Iraqi regime against Kurdish citizens in Iraq.

Later in the afternoon, the President went to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali of Pakistan at the White House on March 28 to discuss key bilateral, regional, and international issues and cooperation in the war on terror.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela J.H. Slutz to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Margaret L. Kripke as a member of the President's Cancer Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jo Ann Krukar Webb as a member of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint James W. Porter, George W. Reiger, and Jane Graeffe Witheridge to be members of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals to represent the United States at the March 15 memorial service for Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia in Belgrade: Lawrence Eagleburger (delegation leader), William D. Montgomery, Marlene Eagleburger, Janet Bogue, Lisa Tepper, and Theresa Grencik.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and record/near record snow on February 14.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter ice and snow storms, heavy rain, flooding, tornadoes, and mud and rock slides on February 15–26.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm, record/near record snow, heavy rains, flooding, and landslides on February 16.

The President declared an emergency in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 14–17.

The President declared an emergency in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 14–19.

The President declared an emergency in the Distict of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement District recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 16–17.

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 March 11

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.,
of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (new position).

Julia Bartling,
of South Dakota, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, vice Eugene Branstool.

Raul David Bejarano,
of California, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of 4 years, vice Stephen Simpson Gregg.