

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush departed for Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jaymie Alan Durnan to be Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment).

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence Thomas Di Rita to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Hurley McKinney to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sanford Gottesman, Diane M. Ruebling, and C. William Swank to be members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides on November 10 and continuing.

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 severe storms, flooding, and landslides on November 11 and continuing.

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 November 17

W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2008, vice Linda Joan Morgan, resigned.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the U.S. Presidency of the G-8.

Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010, vice Ritajeon Hartung Butterworth, term expiring.

Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2007, vice Wayne O. Burkes, resigned.

James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Submitted November 19

J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, vice David C. Williams.

Submitted November 20

Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 3 years (new position).

Elizabeth Ann Bryan, of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 4 years (new position).

James R. Davis, of Mississippi, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 2 years (new position).

Robert C. Granger,
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 4 years (new position).

Frank Philip Handy,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 3 years (new position).

Eric Alan Hanushek,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 2 years (new position).

Caroline M. Hoxby,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 4 years (new position).

Gerald Lee,
of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 4 years (new position).

Roberto Ibarra Lopez,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 2 years (new position).

Richard James Milgram,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 3 years (new position).

Sally Epstein Shaywitz,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 3 years (new position).

Joseph K. Torgesen,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 4 years (new position).

Herbert John Walberg,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of 3 years (new position).

Stuart W. Holliday,
of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Ronald E. Meisburg,
of Virginia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2008, vice Rene Acosta, resigned.

Submitted November 21

Joseph Max Cleland,
of Georgia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, vice Dorian Vanessa Weaver, term expired.

Ann M. Corkery,
of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 58th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Lawrence T. Di Rita,
of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Victoria Clarke.

Jaymie Alan Durnan,
of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Mario P. Fiori.

April H. Foley,
of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the remainder of the term expiring January 20, 2005, vice Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., resigned.

Benjamin A. Gilman,
of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 58th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Sanford Gottesman,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005, vice Gary A. Barron, term expired.

Walid Maalouf,
of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 58th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Robert Hurley McKinney,
of Indiana, to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2004, vice William A. Geoghegan, term expired.

Diane M. Ruebling,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005 (reappointment).

James M. Strock,
of California, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006, vice Penny Percy Korth, term expired.

C. William Swank,
of Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005 (reappointment).

Franklin S. Van Antwerpen,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, vice Edward R. Becker, retired.

Withdrawn November 21

April H. Foley,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, vice Dan Herman Renberg, term expired, which were sent to the Senate on April 10, 2003, and May 14, 2003.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1442, H.R. 3288, S. 677, and S. 924

Released November 18

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 313

Released November 20

Transcript of remarks by First Lady Laura Bush in a Q & A with the press

Released November 21

Transcript of a gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on Congressional Passage of H.R. 2115, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Bill

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Puerto Rico

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to West Virginia

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved November 17

H.R. 1442 / Public Law 108-126
To authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial