

Mike Johanns, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Agriculture, vice Ann Margaret Veneman, resigned.

Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Tommy G. Thompson, resigned.

Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, vice Anthony Joseph Principi, resigned.

Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State, vice Colin Luther Powell, resigned.

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be Secretary of Education, vice Roderick R. Paige, resigned.

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008, vice Bradley D. Belt, resigned.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2008, vice Jeffrey Davidow, resigned.

Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2008, vice Greta Joy Dicus, term expired.

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr., of New York, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard A. Meserve, resigned.

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006, vice Harriett C. Babbitt, term expired.

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 January 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released January 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released January 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Legal Reform: The High Costs of Lawsuit Abuse

Released January 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the upcoming visit of President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland

Released January 7

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 241

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 23 *

H.R. 530 / Private Law 108–6
For the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau

* This Private Law was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

Approved January 7

H.R. 241 / Public Law 109-1

To accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami