

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush met with Paul Rusesabagina, whose actions to shelter refugees during the 1994 Rwanda genocide were depicted in the film "Hotel Rwanda," and his wife, Tatiana Rusesabagina.

February 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan Brian Perlin to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Becky Norton Dunlop (Chairman) and Richard Barber Ainsworth, Jr., as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

The President announced his intention to designate Raymond F. DuBois as Acting Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to designate Peter F. Allgeier as Acting U.S. Trade Representative.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on December 28, 2004, through January 12, 2005.

The President declared an emergency in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on December 29, 2004, through January 2, 2005.

The President declared an emergency in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared an emergency in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared a major disaster in American Samoa and ordered Federal aid to

supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Cyclone Olaf, including high winds, high surf, and heavy rainfall, beginning on February 15 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 February 14

John B. Bellinger III,
of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, vice William Howard Taft IV.

R. Nicholas Burns,
of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), vice Marc Isaiah Grossman, resigned.

C. David Welch,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs), vice William J. Burns.

Terrence W. Boyle,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice J. Dickson Phillips, Jr., retired.

Janice R. Brown,
of California, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, vice Stephen F. Williams, retired.

Richard A. Griffin,
of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, vice Damon J. Keith, retired.

Thomas B. Griffith,
of Utah, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, vice Patricia M. Wald, retired.

William James Haynes II,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Fourth Circuit, vice H. Emory Widener, Jr.,
retired.

Brett M. Kavanaugh,
of Maryland, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
District of Columbia Circuit, vice Laurence
H. Silberman, retired.

David W. McKeague,
of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Sixth Circuit, vice Richard F. Suhrheinrich,
retired.

William Gerry Myers III,
of Idaho, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Ninth Circuit, vice Thomas G. Nelson, re-
tired.

Susan Bieke Neilson,
of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Sixth Circuit, vice Cornelia G. Kennedy, re-
tired.

Priscilla Richman Owen,
of Texas, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Fifth Circuit, vice William L. Garwood, re-
tired.

William H. Pryor, Jr.,
of Alabama, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Eleventh Circuit, vice Emmett Ripley Cox,
retired.

Henry W. Saad,
of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Sixth Circuit, vice James L. Ryan, retired.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge
for the Western District of North Carolina,
vice a new position created by Public Law
107-273, approved November 2, 2002.

Sean F. Cox,
of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Law-
rence P. Zatkoff, retired.

Paul A. Crotty,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Southern District of New York, vice Har-
old Baer, Jr., retired.

James C. Dever III,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge
for the Eastern District of North Carolina,
vice W. Earl Britt, retired.

Thomas L. Ludington,
of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Paul
V. Gadola, retired.

Daniel P. Ryan,
of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Patrick
J. Duggan, retired.

J. Michael Seabright,
of Hawaii, to be U.S. District Judge for the
District of Hawaii, vice Alan C. Kay, retired.

Peter G. Sheridan,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. District Judge for
the District of New Jersey, vice Stephen M.
Orlofsky, resigned.

Jennifer M. Anderson,
of the District of Columbia, to be Associate
Judge of the Superior Court of the District
of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice
Steffen W. Graae, retired.

Laura A. Cordero,
of the District of Columbia, to be Associate
Judge of the Superior Court of the District
of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice
Shellie F. Bowers, retired.

A. Noel Anketell Kramer,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge
of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
for the term of 15 years, vice John M. Stead-
man, retired.

Juliet JoAnn McKenna,
of the District of Columbia, to be Associate
Judge of the Superior Court of the District
of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice
Nan R. Shuker, retired.

Gretchen C.F. Shappert,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. Attorney for
the Western District of North Carolina, for
the term of 4 years, vice Robert J. Conrad,
Jr., resigned.

Earl C. Aguigui, of Guam, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently U.S. Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of 4 years, vice Joaquin L.G. Salas, term expired.

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, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 6, 2005, to January 20, 2005.

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, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 6, 2005, to January 20, 2005.

Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard A. Meserve, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 6, 2005, to January 20, 2005.

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 Harriet C. Babbitt, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 6, 2005, to January 20, 2005.

Submitted February 15

Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Mark B. McClellan.

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Anthony Jerome Jenkins, of the Virgin Islands, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term

of 4 years, vice James Allan Hurd, Jr., resigned.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of 4 years, vice Jeffrey Gilbert Collins, resigned.

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Michael Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, vice James M. Loy, resigned.

Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of 4 years, vice Robert H. Roswell, resigned.

Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, vice J. Steven Griles, resigned.

**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 February 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon

Fact sheet: Request for Additional FY 2005 Funding for the War on Terror

Released February 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Ohio

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway