

ranking members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Committee on Ways and Means to discuss energy legislation.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on April 1–3.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on April 2–4.

April 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, he had a briefing on the national economy.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2005 Teacher of the Year Jason Kamras.

April 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a swearing-in ceremony for John D. Negroponte as Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Holland III to be the U.S. Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles E. Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology, and Finance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Dwayne Pierce to be Ambassador to Cape Verde.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on March 11–12.

April 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, TN, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bob Lochbaum.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the Inaugural Mass of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on April 24: Jeb Bush (head of delegation); Michael S. Steele; Carl A. Anderson; Helen Alvare; and Frank Hanley.

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 April 19

Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Claude A. Allen, 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 April 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on Madagascar signing the first Compact with the Millennium Challenge Corporation Board

Announcement of appointment of Executive Secretary of the National Security Council

Released April 19

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the annual U.S.-EU Summit

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Jersey

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Released April 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 256

Fact sheet: Securing Our Nation's Energy Future

Released April 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Released April 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino and White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James Connaughton

Announcement of nomination for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Announcement of nomination for Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Fact sheet: Encouraging Volunteerism and Environmental Conservation

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved April 20

S. 256 / Public Law 109-8
Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005