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The President announced his intention to appoint Edmund D. Pellegrino as a member of the President's Council on Bioethics and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chairperson.

The President declared an emergency in the District of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement District and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to the District beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Michigan and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in New Mexico and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Oregon and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

September 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Later, he met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss relief funding related to Hurricane Katrina damage and recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, the President met with Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

During the day, the President met with Ambassador Bandar bin Sultan bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to thank him for his service.

The White House announced that the President will participate in the 60th United Nations General Assembly in New York City on September 13–14.

September 9

In the morning, the President and Vice President Dick Cheney had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Later, he met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had a briefing on housing needs related to Hurricane Katrina damage and recovery efforts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Shana L. Dale to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald A. Gambatesa to be Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carmen M. Martinez to be Ambassador to Zambia.

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 September 6

John G. Roberts, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, vice William H. Rehnquist, deceased.

James M. Andrew,
of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, vice Hilda Gay Legg, resigned.

Thomas O. Barnett,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice R. Hewitt Pate.

Santanu K. Baruah,
of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, vice David A. Sampson.

Orlando J. Cabrera,
of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, resigned.

David B. Dunn,
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Delores M. Etter,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, vice John J. Young.

Emilio T. Gonzalez,
of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, vice Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.

Lyons Gray,
of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, vice Charles Johnson.

James S. Halpern,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of fifteen years (reappointment).

Jeffrey D. Jarrett,
of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), vice Michael Smith, resigned.

Brenda LaGrange Johnson,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Clay Lowery,
of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Randal Quarles.

John E. Maupin, Jr.,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010, vice Gerald M. Shea, term expired.

Mark McKinnon,
of Texas, to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, vice Joaquin F. Blaya, term expired.

John M. Molino,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), vice Claude M. Kicklighter, resigned.

Lisette M. Mondello,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs), vice Cynthia R. Church, resigned.

George J. Opfer,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, vice Richard J. Griffin.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration), vice Arthur E. Dewey, resigned.

Jacqueline Ellen Schafer,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Emmy B. Simmons.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr.,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), vice Roger Francisco Noriega.

Alexander R. Vershbow,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Korea.

Donald C. Winter,
of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, vice Gordon England.

Michael W. Wynne,
of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, vice James G. Roche.

Withdrawn September 6

John G. Roberts, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Sandra Day O'Connor, retiring, which was sent to the Senate on July 29, 2005.

Submitted September 8

Charles R. Christopherson, Jr.,
of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, vice Edward R. McPherson, resigned.

Dale W. Meyerrose,
of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (new position).

Edward F. Sproat III,
of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, vice Margaret S. Y. Chu, 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 September 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan *

Statement by the Press Secretary: Postponing the Visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao

Fact sheet: America Responds to the Katrina Disaster

Released September 5

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Colorado

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Georgia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Carolina

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Oklahoma

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Tennessee

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Utah

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to West Virginia

Released September 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released September 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Director Joshua B. Bolten of the Office of Management and Budget

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome Iraqi President Jalal Talabani

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Vlado Buckovski of Macedonia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the District of Columbia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Michigan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Mexico

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Oregon

* This gaggle was given on September 2 and was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 3.