

January 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Coach Mack Brown of the University of Texas Longhorns football team to congratulate him on the team's Rose Bowl victory.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, and former Secretaries of State and Defense.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005.

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In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, where he participated in a tour of the Chicago Board of Trade.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard T. Miller to be U.S. Representative in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jackie W. Sanders to be Alternate U.S. Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark D. Wallace to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations for Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his recess appointment of John Gardner as a governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**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

Statement by the Press Secretary on the death of Shaykh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Minnesota

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Dakota

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Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3402

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Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Trent Duffy and Chairman of the National Economic Council Al Hubbard

Fact sheet: Economic Growth Continues—Unemployment Falls Below 5 Percent

Fact sheet: President Bush's Agenda for Job Creation and Economic Opportunity

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved December 30, 2005 *

H.R. 2863 / Public Law 109–148
Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006

H.R. 3010 / Public Law 109–149
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006

H.R. 4525 / Public Law 109–150
Second Higher Education Extension Act of 2005

H.R. 4579 / Public Law 109–151
To amend title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits

S. 205 / Public Law 109–152
Buffalo Soldiers Commemoration Act of 2005

S. 652 / Public Law 109–153
Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commemoration Act of 2005

* These Public Laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

S. 1238 / Public Law 109–154
Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005

S. 1281 / Public Law 109–155
National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005

S. 1310 / Public Law 109–156
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act

S. 1481 / Public Law 109–157
Indian Land Probate Reform Technical Corrections Act of 2005

S. 1892 / Public Law 109–158
To amend Public Law 107–153 to modify a certain date

S. 1988 / Public Law 109–159
To authorize the transfer of items in the War Reserves Stockpile for Allies, Korea

S. 2167 / Public Law 109–160
To amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to July 1, 2006

H.R. 4635 / Public Law 109–161
TANF and Child Care Continuation Act of 2005

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H.R. 3402 / Public Law 109–162
Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005