

for your interest. I hope you can tell I understand the importance of making sure America is entrepreneurial heaven.

You know, one of the things that I love when I travel the world is you can get a sense for the country by asking questions. One of the things about our country is it's a place where you can start with zero, you start with a dream and a good idea—in this case, a good mom and dad—and take risk and realize your dream. And it's really important we keep it that way forever. America has got to be a place where dreamers can realize their dreams, and I love being in the midst of dreamers.

Thanks for letting me come by. God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:06 a.m. at JK Moving & Storage. In his remarks, he referred to Randy Minchew, chairman, Loudon County Republican Committee; President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia; Charles Kuhn, president, chief executive officer, and founder, JK Moving & Storage, Inc., and his mother, Shirley; Linda Graves, wife of former Gov. Bill Graves of Kansas; Gov. Tim Kaine of Virginia; Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan; and former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Remarks Following a Meeting With Foundations Involved With Gulf Coast Recovery

January 19, 2006

Laura and I are so thankful that Dr. Francis and Leland Speed—Dr. Francis is from Louisiana; Mr. Leland Speed is from Mississippi—are here to brief not only Don Powell and myself and Laura but also members of the compassion community here in America. We've got charities from all across the country, foundations from all across the country who have come to listen to the needs of the good people in Mississippi and Louisiana and the gulf coast region.

Don and I talked about the commitment of the Federal Government—we've committed \$85 billion thus far. But we also made it very clear that we're going to need the help of—the continued help, I might add, of America's charities and foundations. Part of making sure the money is spent well is to

hear from the local folks about what is needed; how can we help; how best can the money be spent.

And that's exactly what we've done today. We're going to make sure that the Federal money is spent wisely and local money and charitable money is spent wisely as well, all aimed at making sure that the folks in Louisiana and Mississippi get back on their feet and this vital region of our country is up and running again. There's no doubt in my mind that out of this incredible devastation will come a better tomorrow.

And again, I want to thank all the people who have taken time out of your busy schedules to come and show your interest and represent your foundations and let the good folks know, in that troubled part of the world, that their voices of despair and concern are being heard all around the country.

So thank you all for coming. I appreciate it very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:07 p.m. in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Norman Francis, chairman, Louisiana Recovery Authority; Leland Speed, director, Mississippi Development Authority; and Donald E. Powell, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who is coordinating Federal gulf coast relief efforts. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 14

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 15

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

January 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Veterans Affairs James R. Nicholson, American Legion national commander Tom Brock, and John Summer, executive director of the Washington office of the American Legion.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with members of the Foreign Intelligence Service Advisory Board and participated in a swearing-in ceremony for the board.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Lech Kaczynski of Poland to the White House on February 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard A. Boucher to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tyler D. Duvall to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation (Transportation Policy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Preston M. Geren to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. Gulliford to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Shane Karr to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation (Governmental Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Nicole R. Nason to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate David L. Norquist to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate David C. Sanborn to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate James S. Simpson to be Federal Transit Administrator at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ben S. Bernanke to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund.

The President announced his intention to appoint John N. Etchart as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Air and Space Museum.

The President announced his intention to appoint Valencia Campbell, Raymond Paul Caldiero, and James T. Dyke, Jr., as members of the Board of Governors of the United Service Organization, Incorporated.

The President announced his intention to designate David L. Dunn as Acting Under Secretary of Education.

The President announced his recess appointment of C. Boyden Gray as U.S. Representative to the European Union with the rank and status of Ambassador.

The President announced his recess appointment of Dennis P. Walsh as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

January 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a meeting with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later, he had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in Iran.

January 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Sterling, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Michelle Bachelet of Chile to congratulate her on her election victory.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randall L. Tobias to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thad W. Allen to be Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

January 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. Later, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe ice storm from December 15–16, 2005.

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 January 18

Ben S. Bernanke,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 5 years, vice Alan Greenspan.

Donald T. Bliss,
of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Richard A. Boucher,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, vice Christina B. Rocca.

Gale A. Buchanan,
of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, vice Joseph J. Jen, resigned.

Patricia A. Butenis,
of Virginia, 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 People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Robert M. Couch,
of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, vice Ronald Rosenfeld.

Tyler D. Duvall,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Emil H. Frankel.

Preston M. Geren,
of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, vice R.L. Brownlee, resigned.

James B. Gulliford,
of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Stephen L. Johnson, resigned.

Roger Shane Karr,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Nicole R. Nason.

Nicole R. Nason,
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, vice Jeffrey William Runge.

David L. Norquist,
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, vice Andrew B. Maner.

David C. Sanborn,
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, vice William Schubert.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders,
of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders,
of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.