

The President. So you're bringing down the average.

Mr. Sanchez. Bringing down the average. [Laughter]

The President. We want Justin Sanchezes of the country to dream big dreams and to think big. Look at the product they're thinking about. I mean, this is a big idea. And there's people willing to risk capital on the idea, and you're willing to risk time in it.

Mr. Sanchez. Absolutely.

The President. And it's going to happen, isn't it?

Mr. Sanchez. It will happen.

The President. Yes, and America will be better off for it. This is a good way to end, for our people to understand there's a direct connection between research and development, technology, and quality of life. This country has a chance—it needs to make a choice: Are we going to lead, or are we going to fear the future? I hope after this discussion, people sitting around here and listening ought to realize we ought not to fear the future but shape the future and continue to be the leader. And by leading, our people will realize a more peaceful world and a more prosperous world and a chance to realize dreams. And that's what America has been all about in the past and it should be about in the future.

Listen, thank you all for the panel. It's been a great discussion. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:10 a.m. at Intel New Mexico. In his remarks, he referred to Charles M. Vest, president, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Norman R. Augustine, chair, National Academies' Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century; and Mayor Jim Owen of Rio Rancho, NM.

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 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Alfalfa Club Dinner.

January 29

In the afternoon, the President participated in a speech preparation session for his January 31 State of the Union Address.

January 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Family Theater, the President participated in a speech preparation session for his January 31 State of the Union Address.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a signing ceremony for a Presidential proclamation in honor of the fourth anniversary of the USA Freedom Corps.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Ralph Basham to be Commissioner of Customs at the Bureau of Customs and Border Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul DeCamp to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward P. Lazear to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey L. Sedgwick to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark Sullivan as Director of the U.S. Secret Service at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to the 2006 Olympic Games in Turin, Italy: Laura Bush (head of delegation), Ronald P. Spogli, Barbara P. Bush, Roland Betts, Brad Freeman, Dorothy Hamill, Eric Heiden, Kerri Strug, Debi Thomas, and Herschel Walker.

January 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to congratulate him on being confirmed by the Senate as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with television correspondents.

February 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Iran. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Evo Morales of Bolivia to congratulate him on his election and inauguration. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a signing ceremony for a Presidential proclamation in honor of American Heart Month. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Nashville, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Suzanne Bingham.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

February 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Anna Edlund. He then traveled to Maplewood, MN, where he toured 3M headquarters.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Albuquerque, NM, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mike Martin.

February 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President traveled to Dallas, TX, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sharon Randolph.

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

The White House announced that President Bush will welcome King Abdullah II of Jordan to the White House on February 8.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to the White House on February 13.

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from December 31, 2005, to January 4, 2006.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides from December 17, 2005, through January 3, 2006.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benedict S. Cohen to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert M. McDowell to be a Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mauricio J. Tamargo to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U.S. at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Armando J. Bucelo to be a director of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (Public).

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd S. Farha to be a director of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (Public) and, upon appointment, to designate him as vice chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Douglas DeMaster as Deputy U.S. Commissioner on the International Whaling Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint William Hogarth as U.S. Commissioner on the International Whaling Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint William B. Keleher as a member of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust (Expert in Cultural and Natural History).

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael Robert Oestreicher as a

member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his appointment of Kevin J. Bergner as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq.

The President announced his appointment of J. Scott Jennings as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs.

The President announced his appointment of Jeffrey F. Kupfer as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

The President announced his appointment of Elisabeth Millard as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for South and Central Asian Affairs.

The President announced his appointment of Luis A. Reyes as Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

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 31

W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, vice Robert C. Bonner, resigned.

Paul DeCamp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, vice Tammy Dee McCutchen, resigned.

Edward P. Lazear, of California, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Ben S. Bernanke.

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, vice Lawrence A. Greenfeld, 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 January 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released January 31

Transcript of a press briefing by Counselor to the President Dan Bartlett on the State of the Union Address

Statement by the Press Secretary on Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad Al Sabah becoming Kuwait's new amir

Fact sheet: A Strong America Leading the World

Fact sheet: Affordable and Accessible Health Care

Fact sheet: American Competitiveness Initiative

Fact sheet: The Advanced Energy Initiative

Excerpts: State of the Union

Advance text: State of the Union

Released February 1

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, and Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John H. Marburger III on the American Competitiveness Initiative

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Allan B. Hubbard and Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Roy Ramthun on the President's Health Care Initiatives for 2006

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman