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Heidi M. Pasichow,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, elevated.

Stanley Davis Phillips,
of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Jill E. Sommers,
of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2009, vice Sharon Brown-Hruska, resigned.

Michael W. Tankersley,
of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank (new position).

Submitted December 6

Michael J. Burns,
of New Mexico, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, vice Dale Klein, resigned.

Beryl A. Howell,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (reappointment).

Rosemary E. Rodriguez,
of Colorado, to be a member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2007, vice Raymundo Martinez III, resigned.

John R. Steer,
of Virginia, to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (reappointment).

Withdrawn December 6

Tracy A. Henke,
of Missouri, to be Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, vice C. Suzanne Mencer, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on September 5, 2006.

David H. Laufman,
of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, vice Joseph E. Schmitz, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on June 5, 2006.

Submitted December 7

Thomas Alvin Farr,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, vice Malcolm J. Howard, retired.

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 December 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Released December 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 7

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome President Thomas Yayi Boni of the Republic of Benin to the White House

Text of citations for the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Released December 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alaska

Fact sheet: Job Creation Continues—More Than 7 Million Jobs Created Since August 2003

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.