

Adjunct Teacher Corps program, and increasing our ability to attract and retain the best and brightest high-skilled workers from around the world.

I thank members of both parties in Congress who worked on this legislation, and I appreciate the willingness of members to remove or otherwise address several of the administration's serious concerns associated with this legislation. I will continue to work with the Congress to ensure that we keep America competitive through appropriate and strong support for science and technology.

NOTE: H.R. 2272, approved August 9, was assigned Public Law No. 110-69.

**Memorandum on Reimbursement for Former President Gerald R. Ford Funeral Expenses**

August 9, 2007

*Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget*

*Subject:* Reimbursement for Former President Gerald R. Ford Funeral Expenses

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States including Public Law 110-5, the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, I hereby authorize the expenditure from the appropriation, "Unanticipated Needs:"

To	Amount
Gerald R. Ford Foundation,	\$230,600.08
Executive Office of the President	
White House Office account,	\$24,808.00

To defray expenses incurred as a result of the funeral services for former President Gerald R. Ford.

I hereby determine that this expenditure is necessary to meet unanticipated needs in furtherance of the national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH

**Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request**

August 9, 2007

*Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Pursuant to my constitutional authority and as contemplated by section 446 of The District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganization Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's 2008 Budget Request Act. This transmittal does not represent an endorsement of the contents of the D.C. government's requests.

The proposed 2008 Budget Request Act reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. For 2008, the District estimates total revenues and expenditures of \$8.38 billion.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

**Statement on Improving Border Security and Immigration Within Existing Law**

August 10, 2007

Today members of my Cabinet announced a series of important new administrative actions to address border security and immigration challenges. These reforms represent steps my administration can take within the boundaries of existing law to better secure our borders, improve worksite enforcement, streamline existing temporary-worker programs, and help new immigrants assimilate into American society.

Although the Congress has not addressed our broken immigration system by passing comprehensive reform legislation, my administration will continue to take every possible step to build upon the progress already made in strengthening our borders, enforcing our worksite laws, keeping our economy well-

supplied with vital workers, and helping new Americans learn English.

I appreciate the work of Secretary Chertoff and Secretary Gutierrez in implementing these important reforms, which will improve our security and enrich our Nation.

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language version of this statement.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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#### **August 4**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN, where he took an aerial tour of the damaged Interstate 35W bridge. He then took a walking tour of the affected area.

Later in the morning, the President met with family members of victims of the bridge collapse.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Camp David, MD.

#### **August 5**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with President Karzai.

#### **August 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **August 7**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and his Defense Policy and Programs and Foreign Policy teams.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia.

#### **August 8**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah to discuss the situation in the Granddall Canyon Mine.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Treasury Department. He then had lunch with his economic advisers.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Barry Bonds, left fielder, San Francisco Giants, to congratulate him on breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record. He then participated in separate interviews with Neil Cavuto of FOX News and economic reporters.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to the White House.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to Kennebunkport, ME, for a private lunch on August 11.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan on August 28: J. Dennis Hastert (head of delegation); and John Thomas Schieffer.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 11–12.

#### **August 9**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME.

#### **August 10**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.