

1 year after the date of this order, and periodically thereafter at such times as the Chairman deems appropriate, a White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy (Conference) to facilitate the exchange of information and advice relating to the means for achieving the goals of this order.

Sec. 4. Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan. The Chairman shall prepare, consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordination with the appropriate Federal agencies and in consultation with the Sporting Conservation Council, and in cooperation with State and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, not later than 1 year following the conclusion of the Conference, a comprehensive Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan that incorporates existing and ongoing activities and sets forth a 10-year agenda for fulfilling the actions identified in section 2 of this order.

Sec. 5. Judicial Review. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right, benefit, trust responsibility, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
August 16, 2007.

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NOTE: This Executive order released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 17, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on August 20.

Statement on Representative J. Dennis Hastert's Decision Not To Seek Reelection

August 17, 2007

It has been a great pleasure forging a close friendship and working relationship with Denny Hastert. He is a good and decent man, and he was a strong and effective Speaker. After teaching government and history at Yorkville High School in Illinois,

Denny began making history serving in the Illinois House of Representatives and the United States House of Representatives. During his two decades in Congress, Denny rose through the ranks as a hard-working Member whom colleagues on both sides came to admire, trust, and respect and became the longest serving Republican Speaker in history. Drawing on lessons he learned as a coach, he successfully guided Members of Congress to work together to enact legislation that has improved the lives of Americans. He led Congress to reduce taxes, improve education, strengthen Medicare, bolster our national defense, and support our troops. Our Nation is stronger because of his service.

I am indebted to Denny for his candid advice and strong support, and I look forward to working with him throughout the remainder of the 110th Congress. As my good friend prepares to move on to the next phase of his life, he has my gratitude for his distinguished service. Laura and I wish Denny, Jean, and their entire family all the best.

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.

August 11

In the morning, at the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social lunch for President Nicolas Sarkozy of France.

August 12

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

August 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India.

The President announced his intention to appoint Anthony K. Dungy as a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Anthony Carroll Wisniewski as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

August 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Jess Sharp as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named John D. Adams as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Todd F. Braunstein as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Terry A. Wolff as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan Policy Implementation.

The President announced that he has named Mary Burce Warlick as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia of the National Security Council.

August 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a briefing on the August 15 earthquake in Peru.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dan W. Mozena to be Ambassador to Angola.

The President announced his intention to nominate Louis J. Nigro, Jr., to be Ambassador to Chad.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul E. Simons to be Ambassador to Chile.

August 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on the situation at the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah.

In the afternoon, at the Broken Spoke Ranch, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Republican National Committee reception.

**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 August 13

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a roundtable interview of Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser to the President Karl Rove

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2863, H.R. 2952, H.R. 3006, S. 375, S. 975, and S. 1716

Released August 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

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