

The President announced his intention to nominate D. Kathleen Stephens to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy Hellman Bechtle, J. Michael Shepherd, and William Wilson III as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

The President announced that he has appointed Charles R. Schwab as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy and, upon appointment, designated him as Chair.

The President announced that he has appointed John Bryant as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy and, upon appointment, designated him as Vice Chair.

The President announced that he has appointed the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy: Theodore Beck; Theodore R. Daniels; Cutler Dawson; Robert F. Duvall; Tahira Hira; Jack E. Kosakowski; Sharon L. Lechter; Robert V. Lee III; Laura Levine; David Mancl; Don J. McGrath; Janet Parker; Ignacio Salazar; and Mary L. Schapiro.

January 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Jimmy Roberts of NBC Sports for a U.S. Golf Association documentary. Later, in the Yellow Oval Room, he and Mrs. Bush hosted a social reception for Senate Republicans and their spouses.

January 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Susan Page and Richard Wolf of USA Today.

The President announced that he has named Jonathan Horn as Special Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Jeffrey Lungren as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Justin J. McCarthy as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Richard Reed as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Continuity Policy.

The President announced that he has accorded the personal rank of Ambassador to Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., during his tenure and service as Special Envoy for Man-Portable Air Defense Systems.

January 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he participated in a speech preparation session for his January 28 State of the Union Address.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to Africa and visit Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, and Liberia from February 15–21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert J. Battista to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gerard Morales and Dennis P. Walsh to be members of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles Patrick Garcia and Susan Ross as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The President announced his intention to designate Elisebeth C. Cook as Acting Assistant Attorney General (Legal Policy).

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 22

Jonathan Baron,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011 (reappointment).

Julia W. Bland,
of Louisiana, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012, vice Margaret Scarlett, term expired.

William J. Brennan,
of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, vice James R. Mahoney.

Jan Cellucci,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012, vice Edwin Joseph Rigaud, term expired.

J. Gregory Copeland,
of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, vice David R. Hill.

Nelson M. Ford,
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, vice Preston M. Geren.

Joxel Garcia,
of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice John O. Agwunobi, resigned.

Joxel Garcia,
of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, vice James O. Mason.

Jeffrey J. Grieco,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, vice J. Edward Fox.

William J. Hagenah,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012, vice Judith Ann Rapanos, term expired.

Frank Philip Handy,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011 (reappointment).

Mark Y. Herring,
of South Carolina, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012, vice Renee Swartz, term expired.

Dorla M. Salling,
of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of 6 years, vice Deborah Ann Spagnoli, resigned.

Sally Epstein Shaywitz,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011 (reappointment).

Kurt Douglas Volker,
of Pennsylvania, a career Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Joanne Weiss,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2010, vice James R. Davis, term expired.

Submitted January 23

Anita K. Blair,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, vice William A. Navas, Jr., resigned.

Steven G. Bradbury,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Jack Landman Goldsmith III, resigned.

Margaret Scobey,
of Tennessee, 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 Arab Republic of Egypt.

D. Kathleen Stephens,
of Montana, 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 Republic of Korea.

Withdrawn January 23

Andrew G. Biggs,
of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013, vice James B. Lockhart III, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Andrew G. Biggs,
of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013, vice James B. Lockhart III, which was sent to the Senate on May 16, 2007.

E. Duncan Getchell, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice H. Emory Widener, Jr., retired, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2007.

Submitted January 25

Robert J. Battista,
of Michigan, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring December 16, 2009, vice Dennis P. Walsh.

Gerard Morales,
of Arizona, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring December 16, 2012, vice Robert J. Battista, term expired.

Dennis P. Walsh,
of Maryland, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2008, vice Peter N. Kirsanow.

Dennis P. Walsh,
of Maryland, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2013 (reappointment).

Withdrawn January 25

Peter N. Kirsanow,
of Ohio, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2008, vice Ronald E. Meisburg, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Dennis P. Walsh,
of Maryland, to be member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring December 16, 2009 (reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

**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 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Export Control Reform Directives

Fact sheet: Protect America Alert: Congress Must Act Now To Keep a Critical Intelligence Gap Closed

Released January 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the reauthorization of State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) legislation

Statement by the Press Secretary on the signing of a peace agreement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo