
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.

March 15

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on March 14 and continuing.

March 16

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., who informed him of the Federal Reserve's latest actions to help the economy.

March 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. David A. Paterson of New York to wish him well in his new position.

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Capitol, the President attended the Speaker of the House of Representatives annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets. Then, on the South Portico, he participated in a photo opportunity with Children's Miracle Network Champions Across America representatives.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a St. Patrick's Day social dinner.

March 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Jacksonville, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Holly Cleveland.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon. Later, at the Jacksonville Port Authority Blount Island

Marine Terminal, he toured Coastal Maritime Stevedoring, LLC.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Palm Beach, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cheryl Crowley. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee reception.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip T. Reeker to be Ambassador to Macedonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher R. Wall to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Export Administration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Miguel R. San Juan to be U.S. Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter Pace as a member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint James B. Peake as a member of the Advisory Council to the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross.

The President announced his intention to designate Peter Schaumber as Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.

March 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia.

The President declared an emergency in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow on February 5 and 6.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on March 17 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. Leiter to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced that he has named Heather Ann Hopkins as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Legislative Affairs in the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Rhonda Houston as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Appointments and Scheduling.

March 20

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, he participated in an interview with Brian Lamb of C-SPAN.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain to the White House on March 25.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on March 14–16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Constance S. Barker to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Beecroft to be Ambassador to Jordan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tyler D. Duvall to be Under Secretary (Transportation Policy) at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Vaughn to be a member of the National Council on Disability and, upon appointment, to redesignate him as Chairperson.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: Victoria Ray Carlson; Chad Colley; Kristen Cox; Marvin G. Fifield; John H. Hager; Lisa Mattheiss; Katherine O.

McCary; Ann Rader; Renee L. Tyree; and Tony J. Williams.

The President announced his intention to appoint William D. James as Commissioner of the U.S. section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

March 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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 March 15

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Texas

Released March 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Text of a question taken during a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released March 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Excerpts from the President's remarks on the war on terror

Released March 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino