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In the morning, the President met separately with several White House staff members to discuss failed bailout legislation for the automobile industry. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to College Station, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Kim Strassel of the Wall Street Journal.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, at the State Department, he and Mrs. Bush attended a holiday reception for the diplomatic corps.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and record and near record snow from November 5–7.

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 December 8

Brad Cole,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012, vice Tom Osborne, resigned.

Cheryl Feldman Halpern,
of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roszell Dulany Hunter,
of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, vice John A. Simon, resigned.

Submitted December 11

Matthew W. Friedrich,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Alice S. Fisher, resigned.

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 5 *

Fact sheet: Progress in the Middle East: Freedom, Prosperity, and Hope

Released December 7

Fact sheet: The Bush Administration has Provided Unprecedented Support for Our Veterans

Released December 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador

Statement by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on a Sunday New York Times editorial concerning pre-war intelligence and the war in Iraq

Released December 9

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: Transforming Our Armed Forces to Face the Threats of Today and Tomorrow

Released December 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Joel Kaplan

Fact sheet: Promoting Human Rights Worldwide

* This item was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue.

Released December 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: President Bush Has Improved the Lives of America's Youth

Fact sheet: Leading the Global Response to the Crisis in Darfur

Released December 12

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on legislation to help U.S. automakers

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to South Dakota

Fact sheet: Advancing Transatlantic Economic Integration Through the Transatlantic Economic Council

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.