

**December 18**

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a holiday celebration for children in the East Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cheryl T. Thomas as Chair of the Railroad Retirement Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint James O. DuPree, Ralph Paige, and Leland H. Swenson as members of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture.

**December 19**

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Ivey to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arthur H. White to serve as a member of the Federal Prison Industries Board.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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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 13**

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy Daniel Tarullo, and Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers on the international financial services agreement

Statement by Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on the international financial services agreement

**Released December 15**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Announcement of appointment of Act Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

**Released December 17**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

**Released December 18**

Statement by the Press Secretary: Jackson-Vanik Waiver for Vietnam

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and Special Representative for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords Robert Gelbard on the peace process in Bosnia

Fact sheet: Background on Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Released December 19**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey on the President's upcoming radio address

Statement by the Press Secretary: Ninth Anniversary of Pan Am 103 Bombing

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With Turkish Prime Minister Yilmaz

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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**Approved December 15**

H.R. 1604 / Public Law 105-143  
Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act

H.R. 2979 / Public Law 105-144  
To authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes

H.J. Res. 95 / Public Law 105-145  
Granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact

***Approved December 16***

H.R. 1658 / Public Law 105-146  
Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1997

H.R. 2265 / Public Law 105-147  
No Electronic Theft (NET) Act

H.R. 2476 / Public Law 105-148  
To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers

H.R. 3025 / Public Law 105-149  
To amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes

H.R. 3034 / Public Law 105-150  
To amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, relating to customs user fees, to allow the use of such fees to provide for customs inspectional personnel in connection with the arrival of passengers in Florida, and for other purposes

H.J. Res. 96 / Public Law 105-151  
Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact

***Approved December 17***

H.R. 2796 / Public Law 105-152  
Army Reserve-National Guard Equity Reimbursement Act

H.R. 2977 / Public Law 105-153  
Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 1997