

ways to make sure that the entrepreneurs can succeed, so that there is job creation taking place all over the country. This is a good jobs creation bill.

Further benefit will come as businesses recycle older properties and spare surrounding lands from development. There has been a lot of talk about urban sprawl. Well, one of the best ways to arrest urban sprawl is to develop brownfields and make them productive pieces of land where people can find work and employment. By one estimate, for every acre of redeveloped brownfields, we save 4½ acres of open space.

This legislation will also protect small-business owners from unwarranted Superfund liability. Lawyers and governments used to tell small-business owners that because they sent their trash to a landfill and because that landfill became contaminated, they were potentially liable for cleaning up the entire site. When Government acts in such a heavy-handed way, it hurts a lot of people; it works against its own purposes; it discourages small-business growth. With this bill, we are returning common sense to our cleanup program. We will protect innocent small-business owners and employees from unfair lawsuits and focus our efforts, instead, on actually cleaning up contaminated sites.

Environmental protection and economic growth can go on together. It is possible for the two to exist, if we're wise about public policy. And the law that I'm about to sign is good public policy. It's got a lot of common sense in it. It's wise. It encourages growth. It fosters the environment. It is the best—it shows what can—it is the best of Washington, when people decide to cooperate, not bicker, when people put the national interests ahead of political interests.

And so it's an honor to be here in Pennsylvania to sign the most important piece of environmental legislation that came out of the Congress last year, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:45 a.m. in the Millennium 3 building at the Millennium Corporate Center. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Mark Schweiker of Pennsylvania and Brian O'Neill, chairman of the board, O'Neill Properties

Group. H.R. 2869, approved January 11, was assigned Public Law No. 107-118.

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.

January 5

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings. Also in the morning, he traveled to Ontario, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Vicente Fox of Mexico and President Jorge Batlle of Uruguay to discuss the situation in Argentina.

In the afternoon, he traveled to Portland, OR, and later returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

January 7

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

The President announced the recess appointment of John Magaw to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony Lowe to be Administrator of the Federal Insurance Administration at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The President announced his intention to designate Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Grant D. Aldonas, Deputy Secretary of Labor Donald C. Findlay, and Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs John B. Taylor as members of the Board of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

January 8

In the morning, the President traveled to Hamilton, OH. In the afternoon, he traveled to Durham, NH, and later to Boston, MA. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate David O'Brien Martin to be a Commissioner of the International Joint Commission—United States and Canada.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert George Hayes as a Commissioner of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as the Sport Fishing Representative.

January 9

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings, and then met with the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Lukken to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate the following individuals to represent the United States at the inauguration of President Enrique Bolanos Geyer of Nicaragua on January 10: Mel Martinez, Oliver Garza, John Maisto, Lino Gutierrez, Janet Ballantyne, George Prescott Bush, James C. Kenny, Earle Irving Mack, Anna Navarro, Raul Romero, and Evelyn Dee Potter Rose.

January 10

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings and a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in the Middle East and cooperation against terrorism. Later, he dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Minister of Home Affairs Lal Krishna Advani of India to discuss the situation in South Asia.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

January 11

In the morning, the President traveled to Conshohocken, PA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Leszek Miller of Poland in the Oval Office.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Moline, IL, Aurora, MO, and New Orleans, LA, on January 14–15 to discuss job creation, trade, and economic security.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Japan, South Korea, and China on February 16–22 to discuss cooperation against terrorism, economic recovery, the strengthening of our alliances in the region, and other areas of mutual interest.

The President announced the recess appointment of Eugene Scalia as Solicitor of the Department of Labor.

The President announced the recess appointment of Otto J. Reich as Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald S. Prophete to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel: Becky Norton Dunlop, Chairperson; Richard Barber Ainsworth; Andrea Fischer Newman; and Joseph Carter Whitaker.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas Casey, Christopher B. Galvin, and Edward Earl Whitacre, Jr., as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Lois Betts, Bo Derek, David Girard-diCarlo, Anne Sewell Johnson, Kathleen Robinson Koll, and Catherine Ann Stevens.

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