

the reforms reflect the principles outlined by the bipartisan Ford/Carter Commission that respect the primacy of State and local governments and envision a limited but responsible role for the Federal Government.

Statement on House of Representatives Action on Pension Reform Legislation

April 11, 2002

Employees need more information about their pension plans and more control over them. I commend Chairman Thomas, Chairman Boehner, and Congressman Portman, and the bipartisan majority in the House for passing pension reform legislation that accomplishes these objectives. The reforms will give employees better access to investment advice, additional notice of blackouts, and increased ability to diversify. Importantly, the reforms adhere to the principle that what is right for executives is also right for workers. I look forward to Senate action on this critical issue.

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.

April 6

In the afternoon, from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner at the Bush Ranch for Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, his wife, Cherie, their daughter, Kathryn, and Mrs. Blair's mother, Gale Booth.

April 7

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

April 8

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he traveled to Knoxville, TN.

In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Rudolf Schuster of the Slovak Republic to the White House on June 7.

April 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Bridgeport, CT, and later to Greenwich, CT. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Mohamed VI of Morocco at the White House on April 23 to discuss developments in the Middle East and other key bilateral issues.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart D. Rick to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Herbert Monroe Allison, Jr., Robert Leamon Bryant, Chung Wook Kim, Tuan Joseph Pham, Frank Jao, and Marilyn Castor Mashon Pattillo.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: George M. Kraw and Judith F. Mazo (Employee Representatives), and Mary Ann Melody Larson McDonald (Public Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Judson C. Ball, Bray Bruce Barnes, William Dewayne Dunlap, Ann Hundley Hoover, Linda Nordstrom, Wilbur O. Powers, Noel Quinones, Juan F. Woodroffe, and T. Caroline D. Wyly.

The President announced his intention to designate Terry Bathen as Acting Inspector

General for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

April 10

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Republican House and Senate leaders to discuss the upcoming congressional agenda.

In the afternoon, the President met with Republican House Members to discuss welfare reform. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with California Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Andres Pastrana of Colombia to the White House on April 18 to discuss cooperation against terrorism and drug interdiction efforts.

April 11

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis J. Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt. Later, he had CIA and FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri of Lebanon at the White House on April 17.

April 12

In the morning, from the Oval Office, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy concerning a possible NATO-Russia summit to be held in Italy in May. He then had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

Also in the morning, the President met with Edmund Stoiber, opposition candidate for Chancellor of Germany. Also, in the Oval Office, he met with Sarah Hughes, 2002 Olympic gold medalist for women's figure skating, and her mother, Amy Hughes, and

coach, Robin Wagner. He also met with U.S. Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael F. Duffy as a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint David Horton Wilkins as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships: Victoria Arias, Myrna Blyth, Corrine Claiborne Boggs, Julie Nixon Eisenhower, Ronald Robert Fogleman, Lisa Guillermin Gable, Kay Coles James, Jay L. Johnson, Edith Hollan Jones, Jeffrey C. Pope, William L. Roper, James Smith, and Barbara F. Vucanovich.

The President announced his intention to appoint James David Gwartney, Patricia Louise Herbold, and Demaris H. Miller as members of the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce.

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 April 9

Lillian R. BeVier, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004, vice Hulett Hall Askew, term expired.

Walter Robert Bradley, of Kansas, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Kansas for the term of 4 years, vice Richard Rand Rock II, term expired.