

**Statement on the Resignations of
Treasury Secretary Paul H. O'Neill
and National Economic Council
Director Lawrence Lindsey**

December 6, 2002

My economic team has worked with me to craft and implement an economic agenda that helped to lead the Nation out of recession and back into a period of growth. I appreciate Paul O'Neill's and Larry Lindsey's important contributions to making this happen. Both are highly talented and dedicated, and they have served my administration and our Nation well. I thank them for their excellent service.

**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.

November 30

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had intelligence briefings.

December 1

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

December 2

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Daniel T. arap Moi of Kenya to express his condolences concerning the November 28 terrorist attacks in Kenya.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup Series champion, Tony Stewart, and Stewart's team owner, Joe Gibbs.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Daniel T. arap Moi of Kenya and Prime Minister Meles

Zenawi of Ethiopia to the White House on December 5.

The President announced the appointment of Zalmay Khalilzad as Special Envoy and Ambassador at Large for Free Iraqis.

December 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Shreveport, LA. In the afternoon, he traveled to New Orleans, LA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

December 4

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen of Finland to Washington, DC, on December 9.

The White House announced that the President will host President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain for a meeting and luncheon on December 18.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert D. McCallum, Jr., to be Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, flooding, coastal erosion, and tidal surge on October 23–November 12.

December 5

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

December 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia concerning the situation in the Korean Peninsula. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President went to the headquarters of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where he spoke to USTR employees. Later, in the State Room at the White House, he attended a 100th birthday

reception for Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

The President announced the recess appointment of Ellen L. Weintraub as a member of the Federal Election Commission.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Friday, November 22, 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 December 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at the Karamah Iftaar Dinner

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With Kenyan President Moi and Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the appointments of Elliott Abrams as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and North African Affairs and Flynt Leverett as Senior Director for Middle East Initiatives at the National Security Council

Statement by the Press Secretary on appointment of Special Envoy and Ambassador at Large for Free Iraqis

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2621, H.R. 3758, H.R. 3988, H.R. 4727, H.R. 5590, H.R. 5708, H.R. 5716, H.J. Res. 117, and S. 3156

Released December 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released December 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen of Finland

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alaska

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2712, H.R.727, H.R. 2595, H.R. 5469, S. 1010, S. 1226, S. 1907, S. 1946, S. 2239, S.J.Res. 53, and H.R. 5504

Released December 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released December 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1240 and S. 2237

Fact sheet: U.S.-Canada Smart Border/30 Point Action Plan Update

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 2

H.R. 2621 / Public Law 107-307
Product Packaging Protection Act of 2002

H.R. 3908 / Public Law 107-308
North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act