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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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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.

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### March 22

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with his war council.

### March 23

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

### March 24

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss military action against Iraq. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss military action against Iraq, cooperation on humanitarian issues, Russia-U.S. relations, and U.S. concerns about Russian business transactions with Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the White House Residence. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and Treasury Secretary John W. Snow.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with the National Economic Council to discuss the state of the U.S. economy. Also, in the Cabinet Room, he met with bipartisan congressional leaders to discuss supplemental appropriations for military action against Iraq.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brian Griffin as U.S. Representative to the Southern States Energy Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and Martha H. Marsh as members of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation: Emily Z. Baldrige, Amber Coffman, Michelle Nunn, Rebecca W. Rimel, and Juliann Thomas.

### March 25

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, where he had a briefing with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and senior Pentagon officials. Later, he returned to the White House.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to Camp David, MD, on March 26–27 to discuss military action, humanitarian relief, reconstruction, and efforts to build democracy in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate John F. Maisto to be Permanent U.S. Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marsha E. Barnes to be Ambassador to Suriname.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gary R. Mitchell as Federal member of the Kansas-Nebraska Big Blue River Compact Administration (Kansas and Nebraska).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Joan D. Austin, Kristen A. Avansino, Kathryn Burke, Robert J. Dellenback, Mary Galvin, Janet H. Geary, Arthur J. Hackney, Diana Kelley, Arthur K. Langlie, James V. Nepola, Sandy Peltyn, and Evelyn J. Wiginton.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: Debra L. Cohen, Solomon M. Devinki, Donald Etra, David M. Flaum, Eric F. Ross, Rochard Sambol, and Merrill H. Tisch.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gary J. Lavine, Rachmiel Liberman, and Harriet Rotter as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

**March 26**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, where, at the U.S. Central Command Joint Intelligence Center, the President had briefings about military action against Iraq and the war against terror.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with U.S. military personnel at MacDill Air Force Base.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD. In the evening, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

**March 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Secretary of State Colin Powell to discuss military action against Iraq, humanitarian relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and the role of the United Nations in Iraq. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm, record/near record snowfall, heavy rain, flooding, and mudslides on February 15–28.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared an emergency in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to

supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by an ice storm on February 27–28.

**March 28**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. He also had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss events in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted March 24**

John E. Buchanan, Jr., of Oregon, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2006, vice Ruth Y. Tamura, term expired.

Dee Ann McWilliams, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, vice Jacob Lozada, resigned.

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), vice Otto J. Reich.

Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, vice Joseph M. Clapp, resigned.

**Submitted March 26**

John Francis Bardelli, of Connecticut, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of 4 years, vice John R. O'Connor.