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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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#### **May 22**

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

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Austin, TX, where they attended a dinner celebrating their daughter Jenna's graduation from the University of Texas at Austin. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

#### **May 23**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to New Haven, CT, arriving in the afternoon. Later, they attended a dinner celebrating their daughter Barbara's graduation from Yale University.

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

#### **May 24**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President traveled to Carlisle, PA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President has invited the leaders of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, and Yemen to meet with G-8 leaders on June 9 in Sea Island, GA.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Hamid Karzai to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on June 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carin M. Barth to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate John H. Hager to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Veronica Vargas Stidvent to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Humanities: Craig Haffner, Richard Quinones, Iris Love, Thomas Mallon, Thomas K. Lindsay, Tamar Jacoby, Harvey Klehr, James Davison Hunter, and Herman Julius Belz.

#### **May 25**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to express his condolences concerning the deaths and injuries resulting from the collapse of a roof at Charles de Gaulle International Airport in Paris on May 23, the proposed U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq, the situation in the Middle East, and other issues. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Vienna, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sidney Harris. Later, he traveled to Youngstown, OH.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 19 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 20 and continuing.

#### **May 26**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to congratulate him on assuming his post and to discuss relations between India and Pakistan and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss the proposed U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq, the situation in Iraq, the upcoming D-day anniversary celebration in France, and other issues.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

The White House announced that the President has invited Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to meet with G-8 leaders and regional partners from the broader Middle East on June 9 in Sea Island, GA.

### **May 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Francisco Flores Perez of El Salvador.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Phuong Le. He also met with Jason Mathews, offensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans of the National Football League.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in a tour of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Later, he attended a Victory 2004 reception at a private residence.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Cyril Wyche Flory to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy).

The President announced his intention to nominate William Sanchez to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Betty Wu (Chairman), William P. Afeaki, Nina Nguyen Collier, Akshay Desai, Vellie Sandalo Dietrich-Hall, William Kil, John C.

Kim, Jimmy Lee, Joseph Melookaran, Derrick Nguyen, Rudy Pamintuan, Martha Cruz Ruth, Jeffrey B. Sakaguchi, and Kenneth Wong.

### **May 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Executive Dining Room, he dropped by a breakfast meeting with Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi, former Senator Bob Dole, and World War II veterans.

The President announced the following individuals to represent the United States at the inauguration of Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez as President of El Salvador on June 1: Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans (head of delegation); H. Douglas Barclay, U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador; Jane Norton; Eduardo Aguirre; Otto Reich; Sylvia Iriondo; and Helen Alvare.

The President announced the recess appointment of Deborah A. Spagnoli as a Commissioner of the U.S. Parole Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of Kiron Kanina Skinner as a member of the National Security Education Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of Sue Ellen Wooldridge as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

The President announced the recess appointment of Charles Johnson as Chief Financial Officer of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced the recess appointment of Ann R. Klee as an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (General Counsel).

The President announced the recess appointment of Kirk Van Tine as Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

The President announced the recess appointment of Cathy M. MacFarlane as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs.

The President announced the recess appointment of Dennis C. Shea as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy Development and Research.

The President announced the recess appointment of Romolo A. Bernardi as Deputy

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced the recess appointment of Juanita Alicia Vasquez-Gardner as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (State Court).

The President announced the recess appointment of Adam Marc Lindemann as a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

The President announced the recess appointment of Edward Brehm as a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

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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.

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#### **Released May 24**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush Invites Leaders From the Greater Middle East to the G-8 Summit in Sea Island

Excerpts of the President's remarks on Iraq and the war on terror at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, PA

Fact sheet: The Transition to Iraqi Self-Government

#### **Released May 25**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Iowa

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nebraska

Fact sheet: Expanding Access to Health Care for Millions of Americans

#### **Released May 26**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush Invites Turkey to G-8 Summit as Democratic Partner

#### **Released May 27**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Sudan Peace Agreement

Fact sheet: Transforming Health Care for All Americans

#### **Released May 28**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 408, H.R. 708, H.R. 856, H.R. 923, H.R. 1598, and H.R. 3104

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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#### **Approved May 28**

H.R. 408 / Public Law 108-229  
To provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

H.R. 708 / Public Law 108-230  
To require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the