

The President declared a major disaster in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on April 2 and continuing.

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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 April 11**

Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence (new position).

#### **Submitted April 14**

Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, vice Robert B. Zoellick, resigned.

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra.

David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, vice Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, resigned.

Phyllis F. Scheinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Linda Morrison Combs.

Emil M. Skodon, of Illinois, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to France.

#### **Submitted April 15**

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, vice Eugene Hickok, resigned.

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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 April 11**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

#### **Released April 12**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Congolese Government's Negotiations With FDLR

#### **Released April 13**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the upcoming visit of Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia

Statement by the Press Secretary on the upcoming visit of President Torrijos of Panama

#### **Released April 14**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

#### **Released April 15**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1134