

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the Stem Cell and Therapeutic Research Act of 2005.

In the evening, the President hosted a holiday reception.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the areas of Louisiana impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from November 27–29.

December 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where they visited U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and their family members and presented Purple Hearts to some servicemembers.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Indian Treaty Room, he participated in a meeting on developing a skilled trades workforce to rebuild the gulf coast.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alexander A. Karsner to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald R. DePriest to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vince J. Juaristi to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation: V. Jay Allen; Stephen A. Baldwin; Jean M. Case; Gerald Colangelo; Evern D. Cooper; Myrka DeLlanos; Hilary E. Duff; Patricia H. Heaton; Kasey K. Kahne; Arthur G. Linkletter; Mary J. Myers; Corinne B. Roberts; Michael W. Smith; Wendy M. Spencer; Roxanne Spillet; Hope Taft; and Charles P. Turlinski.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the areas of Mississippi impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

December 22

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

December 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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 December 20

James I. Finley,
of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, vice Michael W. Wynne.

Sharee M. Freeman,
of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of 4 years (re-appointment).

Stephen Goldsmith,
of Indiana, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (reappointment).

Submitted December 21

Donald R. DePriest,
of Mississippi, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2009 (new position).

Vince J. Juaristi,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National

and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2009, vice Leslie Lenkowsky, term expired.

Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), vice David Garman.

Howard A. Thraillkill, of Alabama, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the term prescribed by law, vice Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., resigned.

Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2007 (new position).

Withdrawn December 21

Howard A. Thraillkill, of Alabama, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2007 (new position), which was sent to the Senate on November 17, 2005.

Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the term prescribed by law, vice Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., term expired, which was sent to the Senate on November 17, 2005.

**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 18

Advance text of the President's address to the Nation on Iraq and the war on terror

Excerpts of the President's address to the Nation on Iraq and the war on terror

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 75

Released December 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Principal Deputy Director for National Intelligence Michael Hayden

Statement by the Press Secretary congratulating the Congolese people for the vote on a new Constitution

Released December 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to the Center for Strategic and International Studies

Statement by the Press Secretary on additional disaster assistance to Louisiana

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to South Dakota

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2520

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 52, S. 136, S. 212, S. 279, and S. 1886

Released December 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4440

Statement by the Press Secretary on additional disaster assistance to Mississippi

Fact sheet: A Commitment to Continued Recovery and Rebuilding in the Gulf Coast

Released December 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Ruben Barrales and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Kevin Marshall on Puerto Rico's Status

Statement by the Press Secretary on countries eligible for economic and trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 38, H.R.