

February 15

In the morning, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Suraj Naresh Hinduja, before traveling to Dublin, OH. Then, in the employee break room at Wendy's International, Inc., Corporate Headquarters, he participated in a meeting on health savings accounts.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for H.R. 4636, the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Conforming Amendments Act of 2005.

February 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a meeting with health insurance and business leaders to discuss health care transparency issues. He then participated in a briefing on the war on terror in Iraq with Republican Members of Congress.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Avery Strachan to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lee J. Styslinger III as a member of the President's Export Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joyce A. Silverthorne and Arthur W. Zimiga as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

February 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Secretary General Jakob Gijssbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of NATO to discuss the situation in Darfur, Sudan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Tampa, FL, where, at MacDill Air Force Base, he met with USA Freedom

Corps volunteer Joe MacDougald. Later, he participated in a briefing on the war on terror with commanders of U.S. Central and Special Operations Commands.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of a soldier killed in Iraq. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Shauna Clark. He then traveled to Lake Buena Vista, FL.

In the evening, at Disney's Contemporary Resort, the President attended a Republican Party of Florida dinner. He then returned to Washington, DC.

**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.

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Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of 5 years, vice Amy L. Comstock, resigned.

Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Michael Taylor Shelby.

James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009, vice Philip Merrill, resigned.

Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), (new position).

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Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, vice Sven E. Holmes, resigned.

Jon T. Rymer,
of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, vice Gaston L. Gianni, Jr.

Milan D. Smith, Jr.,
of California, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, vice A. Wallace Tashima, retired.

Frank D. Whitney,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, vice H. Brent McKnight, deceased.

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Linda Avery Strachan,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, vice Mary Kirtley Waters.

Randall L. Tobias,
of Indiana, to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Andrew S. Natsios, resigned.

David F. Kustoff,
of Tennessee, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of 4 years, vice Terrell Lee Harris, resigned.

John Charles Richter,
of Oklahoma, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of 4 years, vice Robert Garner McCampbell, resigned.

Amul R. Thapar,
of Kentucky, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of 4 years, vice Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, resigned.

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 February 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcripts of press briefings by Council of Economic Advisers members Katherine Baicker and Matthew J. Slaughter on the 2006 Economic Report of the President

Advanced text: Remarks by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Frances Fragos Townsend on national preparedness to the NEMA Conference

Released February 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released February 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4636

Released February 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by OMB Deputy Director Joel Kaplan, Under Secretary of Defense Tina W. Jonas, State Department Senior Adviser for Foreign Assistance Maria Raphael, State Department Senior Adviser for Iraq James Jeffrey on the FY 2006 emergency supplemental request for the global war on terror

Fact sheet: President Requests \$72.4 Billion for the Global War on Terror

Fact sheet: President Bush Requests \$19.8 Billion for Hurricane Recovery

Released February 17

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Trent Duffy

Fact sheet: President Bush Receives Briefing From Military Commanders