

Statement on the Resignation of Norman Y. Mineta as Secretary of Transportation

June 23, 2006

Norman Mineta has served America with integrity, dedication, and distinction. He leaves his position as the longest-serving Secretary of Transportation in our Nation's history.

Norm's life is a story of determination, courage, and service. As a child, he lived in an internment camp. As a young man, he wore his country's uniform in Korea and Japan. From there, he went on to become a mayor, a Congressman, and a Cabinet Secretary under two Presidents.

As my Secretary of Transportation, Norm performed a crucial role on September 11, 2001, leading the successful effort to bring tens of thousands of passengers aboard commercial aircraft to safe landings. His leadership was vital to strengthening the security of America's seaports and airports. Norm worked hard to help eliminate red tape and liberalize the commercial aviation market. After Hurricane Katrina, Norm and his team were able to rapidly repair and reopen the region's major highways, airports, seaports, and pipelines. He also oversaw important changes in fuel economy standards that will save fuel, save lives, and save jobs.

Norm is an inspiration to all of us and has earned the admiration of a grateful Nation. I am honored that he agreed to serve in my Cabinet. Laura and I wish Norm, Deni, and their children all the best.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

June 17

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

June 18

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

June 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Christopher Branning. He then traveled to Kings Point, NY.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to the White House on July 5.

June 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Vienna, Austria, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate William B. Wark and William E. Wright to be members of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Wilkie to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Warren Bell, Chris Boskin, and David H. Pryor to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edmund G. Archuleta, David Michael Cote, and James B. Nicholson as members of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Susan Schanlaber Barnes as a member of the the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and, upon appointment, to designate her Vice Chair.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rhonda Bentz as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Benjamin K. Homan and David A. Williams as members of the Helping To Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Community Development Advisory Board: Jennings David Colbert (Native American Tribal Development Representative); J. French Hill (Insured Depository Institution Representative); Farah M. Jimenez (Community Development Representative); Jack Lund (Consumer/Public Interest Organization Representative); and L. Raymond Moncrief (Community Development Financial Institution Representative).

The President announced his intention to designate Michael W. Smith as Vice Chair of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

June 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Johann Strauss Ballroom of the Hofburg Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. Then, in the Hunting Room, he met with President Heinz Fischer of Austria.

Later in the morning, in the Mittlere Lounge of the Hofburg Palace, the President met with Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel of Austria. He then met with European Union leaders. Later, in the Grosser Redoutensaal Room at the Hofburg Palace, the President participated in the U.S.-European Union summit.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with European Union leaders. Later, he and Mrs. Bush toured the Austrian National Library, where they watched a performance by the Vienna Boys Choir.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Budapest, Hungary.

June 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. Then, at the Sandor Palace, he and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony.

Later in the morning, in the conference hall of the Parliament Building, the President had separate meetings with Speaker of Parliament Katalin Szili and Hungarian political party leaders.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the 1956 Memorial Monument.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Mysliwy to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Joseph Grandmaison to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas E. Harvey to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger L. Hunt, John E. Kidde, and John Peyton to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

June 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with experts on Russia.

In the afternoon, the President met with Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq.

The President announced his appointment of John Emling as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his appointment of Julie Goon as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

The President announced his appointment of Hunter Moorhead as Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture, Trade, and Food Assistance.

The President announced his appointment of John M. Smith as Associate Counsel to the President.

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 June 19

Henry M. Paulson, Jr.,
of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury,
vice John W. Snow, 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 June 19

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Aung San Suu Kyi Birthday

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia

Statement by the Press Secretary: Targeted Sanctions on Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or Institutions in Belarus

Statement by the Press Secretary: Cooperative Threat Reduction Agreement With Russia Extended

Released June 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Released June 21

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Administration Senior Director for European Affairs Judy Ansley and National Security Administration Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs Faryar Shirzad on the U.S.-EU Summit

Fact sheet: 2006 U.S.-EU Summit

Report: 2006 U.S.-EU Summit Progress Report on the Economic Initiative

Report: 2006 U.S.-EU Summit Progress Report on Political and Security Issues

Released June 22

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Released June 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1445

Acts Approved by the President

Approved June 23

S. 1445 / Public Law 109-237

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