

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from June 23 to July 6.

July 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had separate telephone conversations with King Abdallah II of Jordan, President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and Prime Minister Fuad Siniora of Lebanon to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Upon arrival, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument to the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Strelna, Russia.

In the evening, in the Italian Guest Room at Konstantinovsky Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a social dinner hosted by President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila.

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 July 12

Philip S. Goldberg,
of Massachusetts, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bolivia.

Henry M. Paulson, Jr.,
of New York, to be U.S. Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 5 years; U.S. Governor of the International

Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 5 years; U.S. Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Governor of the Asian Development Bank; U.S. Governor of the African Development Fund; U.S. Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice John W. Snow, resigned.

John C. Rood,
of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation), vice Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker, resigned.

Submitted July 13

Cindy Lou Courville,
of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Nora Barry Fischer,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Robert J. Cindrich, resigned.

Richard W. Graber,
of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic.

Sara Elizabeth Lioi,
of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, vice Lesley Brooks Wells, retired.

Christopher A. Padilla,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Peter Lichtenbaum.

Calvin L. Scovel,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, vice Kenneth M. Mead, 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 July 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the President's upcoming visit to Russia and Germany

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4912

Fact sheet: Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba Report to the President

Released July 11

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: Strong Economic Growth and Fiscal Discipline Help Reduce Budget Deficit

Released July 12

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Condemnation of Hizballah Kidnapping of Two Israeli Soldiers

Released July 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome Prime Minister of Iraq to the White House

Released July 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Virginia

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved July 10

H.R. 4912 / Public Law 109-240
Rural Health Care Capital Access Act of 2006

Approved July 11

H.R. 889 / Public Law 109-241
Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006