

the Democrats do, it's going to hurt this economy, and so we'll keep your taxes low."

Thank you all very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:53 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

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.

October 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley; Deputy National Security Adviser Jack D. Crouch II; State and Defense Department officials; military commanders; and Vice President Dick Cheney, who participated via video teleconference.

October 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the East Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with crew members of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*, Space Shuttle *Atlantis*, and Space Station Expeditions 11, 12, and 13. Then, on the South Portico, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the King and Queen Sweden. He then went to the Urban Trust Bank, where he participated in a discussion on the economy with small-business owners and community bankers. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, he participated in an interview with Maria Bartiromo of CNBC, for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Hanoi, Vietnam, to

attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Meeting on November 18–19, to meet with President Nguyen Minh Triet and Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung of Vietnam on November 17, and that he will travel to Singapore and Indonesia.

October 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Sarasota, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tom Cooney.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer David Greenberger. He then traveled to Boca Raton, FL, where, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee dinner.

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

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on October 12–13 and continuing.

October 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with print journalists.

October 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Des Moines, IA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sally Bates.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Clinton Township, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer George Kolf. He then traveled to Warren, MI.

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

October 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Map Room, he participated in separate interviews with

Laurie Kinney of Hearst-Argyle Television, Grant Rampy of Tribune Broadcasting, and Jim Fry of Belo Broadcasting.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Deputy Regional Forester Tom Tidwell of the U.S. Forest Service to express his condolences for the deaths of four Forest Service firefighters in the fire near Palm Springs, CA.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a fire from August 3–4.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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 October 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting in Vietnam and Travel to Singapore and Indonesia

Released October 24

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Released October 26

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: The Secure Fence Act of 2006

Released October 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alaska

Acts Approved by the President

Approved October 26

H.R. 6061 / Public Law 109–367
Secure Fence Act of 2006