

Congress to reauthorize the Ryan White Act. The bill has passed the United States House of Representatives; the Senate has time to act before it goes on recess. It is an important piece of legislation that will enable us to continue our fight against HIV/AIDS domestically.

I can't thank you all enough for coming, and I thank you for being such decent, compassionate people. The pandemic of HIV/AIDS can be defeated, and the United States is willing to take the lead in that fight. But we can't do it alone. And so for our international partners, we appreciate what you do. For the faith-based community, we thank you for hearing the universal call to love a neighbor. And for the taxpayers, we appreciate your generosity in showing the world the good heart and compassion of the American people.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:41 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on Northern Ireland Agreement

December 1, 2006

The United States welcomes the recent progress made by the Northern Ireland parties and the British and Irish Governments to implement the agreement reached at St. Andrews, and I recognize the leadership shown by the political party leaders. The United States fully supports the agreed way forward for Northern Ireland: a power-sharing government by the end of March next year, based on support for the rule of law and policing.

Executive Order 13415—Assignment of Certain Pay-Related Functions

December 1, 2006

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Assignment of Functions. The functions of the President under sections 4505a, 5305, and 5377 of title 5, United States Code, are assigned to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Sec. 2. Revocations. (a) Sections 3 and 6 of Executive Order 12748 of February 1, 1991, as amended, are revoked. Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 of Executive Order 12748 are renumbered as sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

(b) Section 2 of Executive Order 12828 of January 5, 1993, is revoked. Section 3 of Executive Order 12828 is renumbered as section 2.

Sec. 3. General Provision. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
December 1, 2006.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 5.

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.

November 25

In the morning at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

November 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tallinn,

Estonia. While en route, aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Hu Jintao of China, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and President Jacques Chirac of France.

In the afternoon, aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy.

In the evening, upon arrival in Tallinn, the President went to the Radisson SAS.

November 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

Later in the morning, the President went to Kadriorg Palace where he participated in an arrival ceremony and official photograph with President Toomas Ilves of Estonia. Later, in the State Council Hall, he met with President Ilves.

In the afternoon, the President went to the Estonian National Opera House where he had lunch with President Ilves.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Riga, Latvia, where, upon arrival, he went to Riga Castle where he met with President Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia. Later, he went to the Radisson SAS.

In the evening, the President went to the Latvian National Opera where he attended a cultural performance. He then had a working dinner with NATO members. Later, he returned to the Radisson SAS.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa as President of Mexico on December 1: former President George H.W. Bush (head of delegation); Antonio O. Garza; Alberto R. Gonzales; and Carlos M. Gutierrez.

November 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families. Later, he went to the Olympic Sports Centre where he participated in a working session for the North Atlantic Council.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a NATO leaders group photograph. He then had lunch with NATO leaders.

In the evening, the President traveled to Amman, Jordan, where, upon arrival, he went to the Raghadan Palace where he met with King Abdullah II of Jordan. They then had dinner.

Later in the evening, the President went to the Four Seasons Hotel Amman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Laura L. Rogers as Director of the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carlos Marin as Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission (United States and Mexico).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Board of Advisers on Tribal Colleges and Universities: Verna Fowler; Joseph George Hiller; Richard Dennis Stephens; and Edward K. Thomas.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be members of the President's Board of Advisers on Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Belinda Childress Anderson; Delbert W. Baker; Brett Everett Fuller; Ivory V. Nelson; and Beverly Daniel Tatum.

The President announced his intention to designate Mary Beth Buchanan as Designate Acting Director of the Office of Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice.

The President announced that he has named Scott Stanzel as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary.

The President announced that he has named Alan Swendiman as Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration.

The President announced that he has named Christopher G. Oprison as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Cheryl Stanton as Associate Counsel to the President.

November 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had breakfast with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. They then had a meeting.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to the White House on December 8.

The President announced his intention to appoint Daniel J. Carroll, Jr., and Howard L. Lance as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to designate Gary D. Forsee as Chairman of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to designate Randall L. Stephenson as Vice-Chairman of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

December 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**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 November 27

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

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 435, S. 819, S. 1131, S. 2464, and S. 3880

Released November 28

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

Fact sheet: NATO Summit 2006

Released November 29

Transcript of a press briefing by senior administration officials on the NATO summit

Transcript of a press briefing by a senior administration official on the President's dinner with King Abdullah II of Jordan *

Transcript of a press briefing by senior administration officials

Transcript of a press gaggle by Counselor to the President Dan Bartlett

Transcript of a press gaggle by Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Daniel Fried

Statement by the Press Secretary: Congolese Elections

Released November 30

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the President's meeting with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq

Transcript of a press briefing by a senior administration official on the President's meeting with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq

Statement by the Press Secretary on an economic grant agreement with El Salvador

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome President Thabo Mbeki of the Republic of South Africa to the White House

* This briefing was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 30.