

measure is a home fire escape plan, which enables everyone in the household to exit quickly during a fire emergency.

As sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 70 years, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has selected "Fire Drills—The Great Escape!" as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week. Together with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the NFPA reminds us to take responsibility for our personal safety and practice our home escape plans. On Wednesday, October 7, 1998, fire departments across America will coordinate home fire drills in support of National Fire Prevention Week. Community fire departments will signal the start of the "Great Escape Fire Drill" by sounding their stations' fire alarms at 6:00 p.m.

As we focus on fire safety this week, let us also pay tribute to the courage and commitment of our Nation's fire and emergency services personnel. These dedicated men and women devote themselves, day in and day out, to protecting our lives and property from the ravages of fire. All America watched in awe this summer as thousands of firefighters from across the Nation battled the wildfires that raged through Florida for so many weeks. Leaving their own homes and families, these heroes put their lives on the line as street by street, house by house, they worked to save the homes of their fellow Americans. It is fitting that on Sunday, October 4, 1998, at the 17th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland, our Nation will honor once again the valiant men and women across our country whose commitment to protecting our families and communities from fire cost them their lives.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 1998, as Fire Prevention Week. I encourage people of the United States to take an active role in fire prevention not only this week, but also throughout the year. I also call upon every citizen to pay tribute to the members of our fire and emergency services who have lost their lives or

been injured in service to their communities, and to those men and women who carry on their noble tradition.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

William J. Clinton

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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.

September 26

In the evening, the President traveled from San Jose, CA, to Los Angeles, CA.

September 27

In the morning, the President traveled to San Antonio, TX. In the late afternoon, he traveled to Houston, TX. In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

September 28

The President declared an emergency in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges beginning on September 28 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 25 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in

the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 28 and continuing.

The President announced that he has authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide direct Federal assistance to Louisiana at 100 percent Federal funding for the first 72 hours for damage relating to Hurricane Georges.

September 29

In the morning, the President met with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority in the Oval Office. Later, he met with National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tang Jiaxuan of China in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert S. Jacquez to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ira G. Peppercorn to be Director, Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Isadore Rosenthal to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ashish Sen to be Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey S. Merrifield to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint F. Duane Ackerman to the President's Export Council.

September 30

In the morning, the President received the final report of the Assassination Records Review Board in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth W. Kizer to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard A. Grafmeyer and Gerald M. Shea to be members of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 25 and continuing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Los Angeles, CA, and San Francisco, CA, on October 20–21, and that he will travel to Fayetteville, AR, to attend the dedication ceremony for the Northwest Regional Airport on November 6.

October 1

The President announced his intention to nominate Phyllis K. Fong to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 25 and continuing.

October 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, and in the evening, he attended a Democratic National Committee reception and dinner at City Hall. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Maria Borrero to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime at the Justice Department.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward J. Gleiman to be Chair and Commissioner and Dana B. Covington to be Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eugene A. Ludwig as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Chancellor-elect Gerhard Schroeder of Germany at the White House on October 9.

**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 September 28

Edward J. Damich,
of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice James F. Merow, term expired.

Nancy B. Firestone,
of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Moody R. Tidwell III, term expired.

Emily Clark Hewitt,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Robert J. Yock, term expired.

Alex R. Munson,
of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of 10 years (reappointment).

Submitted September 29

Albert S. Jacquez,
of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for a term of 7 years, vice Gail Clements McDonald, resigned.

Jeffrey S. Merrifield,
of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2002, vice Kenneth C. Rogers, term expired.

Ira G. Peppercorn,
of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring (new position).

Ashish Sen,
of Illinois, to be Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of

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Transportation, for the term of 4 years, vice Triruvapur R. Lakshmanan, resigned.

Isadore Rosenthal,
of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years (new position).

Submitted September 30

Kenneth W. Kizer,
of California, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Richard A. Grafmeyer,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2000, vice Harlan Matthews resigned.

Gerald M. Shea,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2004 (reappointment).

Submitted October 1

Harry J. Bowie,
of Mississippi, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of 3 years, vice Tony Scallon, term expired.

Phyllis K. Fong,
of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, vice James F. Hoobler.

**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.
