

The President announced his intention to nominate Lauren Moriarty for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

March 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis of Greece to congratulate him on his party's March 7 parliamentary election victory, and to discuss the situation in Cyprus and security for the upcoming Olympic Games in Athens. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fort Campbell, KY, where, upon arrival, the President greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Billy C. Colwell, Sr.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with U.S. military personnel. They then visited with family members of U.S. military personnel killed in Iraq.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger A. Meece to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Moriarty to be Ambassador to Nepal.

March 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss the war on terrorism, the situation in Iraq, and other issues. He then had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to discuss the upcoming 60th anniversary of D-day and to thank him for his support against terrorism following the March 11 terrorist attacks in Madrid, Spain.

Later 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 March 15

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3915 and S. 714

Fact sheet: Expanding Homeownership for All Americans

Released March 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2136

Fact sheet: Affordable Health Care for America's Families

Released March 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Announcement: Mrs. Bush To Host White House Salute to America's Authors: Classic American Stories Celebrated

Released March 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released March 19

Statement by the Press Secretary: Shooting of Mr. Chen Shui-Bian and Ms. Annette Lu in Taiwan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 506 and H.R. 2059