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The President announced his intention to nominate June Carter Perry to be Ambassador to Lesotho.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles P. Ries to be Ambassador to Greece.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Barrie Walkley to be Ambassador to Gabon and to Sao Tome and Principe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward Brehm to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate JoAnn Johnson as Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Jack Martin as Acting Director of the Selective Service System.

The President announced his intention to designate Linda Morrison Combs as Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Transportation.

The President declared a major disaster in New Mexico and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on April 2–11.

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In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss efforts to settle the conflict in Cyprus.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Oscar Berger of Guatemala.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frances Fragos Townsend as Assistant to the President and Homeland Security Advisor.

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 April 26

James D. McGee, of Florida, 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 Madagascar.

John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Iraq.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Withdrawn April 26

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008, vice Stanford G. Ross, term expired, which were sent to the Senate on September 3, 2003, and January 21, 2004.

Submitted April 29

Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, 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 Namibia.

Edward Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring November 13, 2007, vice Cecil James Banks, term expired.

William R. Brownfield,
of Texas, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

June Carter Perry,
of the District of Columbia, 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 Kingdom of Lesotho.

Charles P. Ries,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece.

R. Barrie Walkley,
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

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 April 26

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Train Accident in North Korea on April 22

Released April 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released April 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: President Bush Signs Biodefense for the 21st Century

Released April 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Mexico

Released April 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1274, H.R. 2489, H.R. 3118, and H.R. 4219

Acts Approved by the President

Approved April 30

H.R. 1274 / Public Law 108–221

To direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California the existing Federal courthouse in that county

H.R. 2489 / Public Law 108–222

Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment Funds Act

H.R. 3118 / Public Law 108–223

To designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia

H.R. 4219 / Public Law 108–224

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II