

The President declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Rita beginning on September 20 and continuing.

September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts and preparations for Hurricane Rita. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Gov. Rick Perry of Texas to discuss preparations for Hurricane Rita.

Later in the morning, the President and Vice President Dick Cheney traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, they had a briefing on the war on terror.

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

In the evening, the President had another telephone conversation with Gov. Perry to discuss preparations for Hurricane Rita.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Hale to be Ambassador to Jordan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dorrance Smith to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas O. Barnett as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Export Council: Sharon L. Allen; John Sau Chung Chen; James F. Dicke II; Hamilton E. James; Prakash V. Puram; and Timothy Paul Smucker.

September 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on preparations for Hurricane Rita. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with members of the Boys and Girls Club of America Youth of the Year finalists.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Colorado Springs, CO, where, at Peterson Air Force Base, he had a briefing on preparations for Hurricane Rita by officials of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

The President announced his intention to designate Andrew von Eschenbach as Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs at the Food and Drug Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services.

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 19

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, vice Paul V. Applegarth, resigned.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, vice Douglas Jay Feith, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

Alice S. Fisher,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Christopher A. Wray to which position she was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

Peter Cyril Wyche Flory,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Jack Dyer Crouch, II, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

Peter Schaumber,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2010, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

Withdrawn September 19

Terry Neese,
of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Mint for a term of 5 years, vice Henrietta Holsman Fore, which was sent to the Senate on July 29, 2005.

Submitted September 22

John O. Agwunobi,
of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations.

Katherine Baicker,
of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Harvey S. Rosen, resigned.

David M. Hale,
of New Jersey, 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Matthew Slaughter,
of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Kristin J. Forbes, resigned.

Dorrance Smith,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Victoria Clarke.

Benson K. Whitney,
of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Norway.

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 September 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Hampshire

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Jersey

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Rhode Island

Released September 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 804 and H.R. 3669

Released September 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of European Commission President Jose Barroso

Statement by the Press Secretary on the opening of the new National Assembly in Sudan