

Week Ending Friday, November 18, 2005

**Remarks After Signing the Book of
Condolence at the Jordanian
Embassy**

November 10, 2005

Mr. Ambassador, thank you for receiving us. We have come to your Embassy to express our heartfelt sympathies for the people of Jordan and for the families who are grieving today because of the murder of innocent people.

I spoke to His Majesty this morning and conveyed these very same thoughts. And during my conversation, as he described the fact that these bombers went into a wedding and killed people there that were there to celebrate life, killed innocent—the bombers killed innocent women and children, it struck me, Mr. Ambassador, that—once again, that we face an enemy that has no heart, an enemy that is defiling a great religion, of Islam. Today—yesterday in Jordan, Muslims died at the hands of these killers simply because they were in the wrong hotel, simply because they wanted to be with their families and enjoy life.

This enemy must be defeated. They have no heart. They have no conscience.

I want to thank you and the good people of Jordan for standing strong against these merciless killers. And we ask for God's blessings on the people of Jordan.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:27 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Ambassador Karim Tawfiq Kawar and King Abdullah II of Jordan. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Statement on the Agriculture
Appropriations Bill**

November 10, 2005

The agriculture appropriations bill meets important priorities and holds spending below last year's level. This legislation is an

important step forward in our efforts to rein in spending while maintaining our commitment to America's farmers and consumers. By pursuing pro-growth economic policies and restraining spending, we can stay on track to meet my goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 2744. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Statement on Signing the
Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 2006**

November 10, 2005

Today, I have signed into law H.R. 2744, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006." The Act funds important agriculture, food safety, natural resource and other programs of the Federal Government.

The executive branch shall construe certain provisions of the Act that purport to require congressional committee approval for the execution of a law as calling solely for notification, as any other construction would be inconsistent with the principles enunciated by the Supreme Court of the United States in *INS v. Chadha*. These provisions include sections 705, 716, and 732, and language under the heading "Food and Drug Administration, Salaries and Expenses."

The executive branch shall construe section 715, which purports to regulate the transmission of information by employees at the Department of Agriculture, in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to faithfully execute the laws and to supervise the unitary executive branch.

The executive branch shall construe section 719, which purports to regulate the

transmittal of legislative recommendations by executive branch officials to the Congress, in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to recommend such measures to the Congress as he deems necessary and expedient.

Several provisions of the bill relate to race or ethnicity. The executive branch shall construe such provisions in a manner consistent with the requirement that the Federal Government afford equal protection of the laws under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

George W. Bush

The White House,
November 10, 2005.

NOTE: H.R. 2744, approved November 10, was assigned Public Law No. 109-97. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Memorandum on Determinations
Under Section 1106(a) of the
Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness
Act of 1988—Kingdom of Saudi
Arabia**

November 10, 2005

*Memorandum for the United States Trade
Representative*

Subject: Determinations under Section 1106(a) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988—Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia) is seeking to become a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Saudi Arabia has concluded a bilateral agreement with the United States related to Saudi Arabia's accession to the WTO. Saudi Arabia's commitments under this bilateral agreement with the United States ensure: (1) that all state trading enterprises, as defined in section 1107(6) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the "Act") (19 U.S.C. 2906(6)), will make (a) purchases that are not for government use and (b) sales in international trade, in accordance with commercial considerations, including price, quality, availability, marketability, and transpor-

ation, and (2) that such state trading enterprises will afford U.S. business firms adequate opportunity, in accordance with customary practice, to compete for such purchases and sales.

In accordance with section 1106(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 2905(a)(1)), I determine that state trading enterprises account for a significant share of the exports of Saudi Arabia and the goods that compete with imports into Saudi Arabia. Further, I determine that, based on the bilateral agreement that Saudi Arabia has entered into with the United States, information provided and commitments set forth in the Report of the Working Party on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Accession to the WTO, and other information considered in connection with Saudi Arabia's WTO accession negotiations including information in the United States National Energy Policy report, an affirmative determination under section 1106(a)(2) is not warranted.

The determinations under section 1106(a) are intended solely to further the purpose of section 1106 and are not determinative for the purpose of any other statute or regulation.

You are directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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**Message to the Senate Transmitting
Protocol Amending the Sweden-
United States Taxation Convention**

November 10, 2005

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, a Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (the "Protocol"). Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State with respect to the Protocol.