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Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Chuck Hinken. He then traveled to East Grand Rapids, MI.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with family members of soldiers killed in Iraq. He then visited the gravesite of President Gerald R. Ford. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has named Thomas P. Bossert as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Preparedness Policy.

The President announced that he has named Elizabeth H. Dial as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Eric Draper as Special Assistant to the President and White House Photographer.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding on March 16–18.

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 16

Dennis R. Schrader,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security (new position).

Submitted April 18

Frederick B. Cook,
of Florida, 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 Central African Republic.

Joseph Adam Ereli,
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 Bahrain.

Reuben Jeffery III,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs), vice Josette Sheeran Shiner.

Reuben Jeffery III,
of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and U.S. Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice Josette Sheeran Shiner.

Richard Boyce Norland,
of Iowa, 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 Uzbekistan.

Withdrawn April 18

Enrique J. Sosa,
of Florida, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Linwood Holton, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released April 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: Zimbabwe's Independence Day

Fact sheet: Stop the Genocide in Darfur

Released April 19

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released April 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the President's reaction to Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales's testimony before the Senate

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Fact Sheet: Earth Day 2007

Fact Sheet: Update on the New Iraq Strategy

Acts Approved by the President

Approved April 20

H.R. 1132 / Public Law 110–18
National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007