

**Memorandum on Waiver of
Limitation on Obligation and
Expenditure of \$1,051.6 Million in
Fiscal Year 2007 Economic Support
Funds for Iraq**

September 28, 2007

Presidential Determination No. 2007–35

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Waiver of Limitation on Obligation and Expenditure of \$1,051.6 Million in Fiscal Year 2007 Economic Support Funds for Iraq

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 1314(c)(2) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28) (the "Act"), I hereby waive the requirements of section 1314(c)(1) for \$1,051.6 Million of Fiscal Year 2007 Economic Support Funds for Iraq and direct you to submit to the Congress this determination along with the certification in accordance with section 1314(c)(2) of the Act.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, he participated in an interview with Juan Williams of FOX News. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo

opportunity with Deputy Assistant Attorney General John C. "Jack" Keeney to honor his 60 years of Government service.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, NY, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. Later, he met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair.

In the evening, the President traveled to the United Nations Headquarters, where he participated in a leaders dinner on climate change. Later, he returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China, on October 2: Margaret Spellings (head of delegation); Clark T. Randt, Jr.; John H. Hager; Ernie Banks; Lynn Fuchs; Michelle Kwan; Eunice Kennedy Shriver; Timothy P. Shriver; Anne Sweeney; and Jennifer Polk Wardlow.

September 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the United Nations Headquarters, where he participated in an official greeting with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President of the 62d Session of the United Nations General Assembly Srgjan Kerim. He then met separately with Secretary-General Ban and President Kerim.

Later in the morning, the President returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the United Nations Headquarters.

In the evening, the President returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Javaid Anwar to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Madonna Cynthia Douglass to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christina H. Pearson to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services

(Public Affairs) and, upon nomination, to designate her as Acting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas W. Webster to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to designate Christopher A. Padilla as Acting Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to designate John C. Rood as Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the Department of State.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from August 20–31.

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush met with United States Mission to the United Nations staff and their families. They then met with Joel I. Klein, chancellor, New York City Department of Education. Then, at a private residence, they attended a Republican National Committee reception.

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

September 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Big Brother of the Year, Charles Matthews, and Big Sister of the Year, Crystal Rivera.

In the afternoon, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi of China.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on November 9–10.

September 28

In the morning, the President had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with

Michael Rutz and Stephan Lamby of ARD German Television.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to discuss SCHIP reauthorization legislation.

In the evening, at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2007 National Book Festival Gala and dinner.

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 25

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Suzanne C. DeFrancis, resigned.

Withdrawn September 25

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Scott W. Muller, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Submitted September 27

Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2007, vice Elmer B. Staats, term expired.

Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2013 (reappointment).

Madonna Cynthia Douglass, of Virginia, to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2013, vice W. Scott Railton, term expired.