

al-Atiya, and Second Deputy Speaker Arif Tayfur of the Iraqi House of Representatives.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a Valentine's Day social dinner followed by a performance in the East Room by entertainer Denise Thimes.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen J. Nolan to be Ambassador to Botswana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Evan LeBaron to be Ambassador to Qatar.

The President announced that he has named Christopher Michel as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Sara Armstrong as Special Assistant to the President.

The President announced that he has named Meghan Clyne as Special Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Matthew Latimer as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Mark J. Webber as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for South and Central Asian Affairs in the National Security Council.

February 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Northern Illinois University President John G. Peters to express his condolences for the victims of the February 14 campus shooting. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud al-Faysal bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Cotonou, Benin, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the White House on April 16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph A. Benkert to be Assistant

Secretary of Defense (Global Security Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Dillon Kissal to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Seoul, Republic of Korea, to attend the inauguration of President Lee Myung-bak on February 25: Condoleezza Rice (head of delegation); Alexander R. Vershbow; Wendy Cutler; Gen. Burwell B. Bell; Andy Groseta; William R. Rhodes; and Hines Ward.

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 February 12

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Thomas R. Saving.

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Thomas R. Saving.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2008, vice Henry Lozano, resigned.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013 (reappointment).

Perri Klass,
of New York, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2009, vice Wil-
liam T. Hiller, term expired.

Katherine Mitchell,
of Alabama, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2010, vice Mark
G. Yudof, resigned.

Eduardo J. Padron,
of Florida, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2009, vice Juan
R. Olivarez, term expired.

Alexa E. Posny,
of Kansas, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2008, vice Carol
C. Gambill, term expired.

Timothy Shanahan,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2010 (re-
appointment).

Richard Kenneth Wagner,
of Florida, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a
term expiring November 25, 2009 (re-
appointment).

Layshae Ward,
of Minnesota, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the Corporation for National
and Community Service for a term expiring
December 27, 2012, vice Mimi Mager, term
expired.

Withdrawn February 12

Warren Bell,
of California, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the Corporation for Public
Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31,
2012, vice Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, resigned,
which was sent to the Senate on January 9,
2007.

Patricia Mathes,
of Texas, to be a member of the National
Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a

term expiring November 25, 2007, vice Mark
G. Yudof, resigned, which was sent to the
Senate on January 9, 2007.

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board
of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Sur-
vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal
Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term
of 4 years (reappointment), which was sent
to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board
of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary
Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of
4 years (reappointment), which was sent to
the Senate on January 9, 2007.

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board
of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insur-
ance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (re-
appointment), which was sent to the Senate
on January 9, 2007.

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of
Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Med-
ical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4
years (reappointment), which was sent to the
Senate on January 9, 2007.

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of
Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Sur-
vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal
Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term
of 4 years (reappointment), which was sent
to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of
Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance
Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappoint-
ment), which was sent to the Senate on Janu-
ary 9, 2007.

Submitted February 14

Jeffrey Robert Brown,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of
Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Med-
ical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4
years, vice Thomas R. Saving.

David Gustafson,
of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax
Court for a term of 15 years, vice Carolyn
P. Chiechi, term expired.

William T. Lawrence,
of Indiana, to be U.S. District Judge for the
Southern District of Indiana, vice John Dan-
iel Tinder, elevated.

Joseph Evan LeBaron,
of Oregon, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the State of Qatar.

Stephen James Nolan,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Republic of Botswana.

Elizabeth Crewson Paris,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge
of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years,
vice Joel Gerber, retired.

Samuel W. Speck,
of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part
of the U.S. on the International Joint Com-
mission, United States and Canada, vice
Dennis L. Schornack.

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 February 11

Transcript of remarks by National Security
Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to the Center for
International Security and Cooperation *

* These remarks were delivered on February 8
and released by the Office of the Press Secretary
on February 11.

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press briefing by Chairman
of the Council of Economic Advisers Edward
P. Lazear on the Economic Report of the
President

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by
United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-
moon

Fact sheet: The Economic Report of the
President

Fact sheet: The Heart Truth: Helping Pre-
vent Heart Disease in Women

Released February 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Dana Perino

Advance text of the President's remarks on
African American History Month

Released February 13

Transcript of a press briefing by National Se-
curity Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the
President's trip to Africa

Transcript of remarks by Senator Mitch
McConnell of Kentucky and Representative
John A. Boehner of Ohio following a meeting
with the President

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Ex-
ecutive order blocking property of persons
in connection with the national emergency
with respect to Syria

Statement by the Press Secretary on House
of Representatives action on intelligence re-
form legislation

Fact sheet: The House Must Act Quickly To
Pass Bipartisan Senate FISA Modernization
Bill

Fact sheet: Bipartisan Growth Package Will
Help Protect Our Nation's Economic Health

Released February 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Sec-
retary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on intel-
ligence reform legislation