

The President announced his intention to nominate Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victor Davis Hanson as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow from March 7–9.

April 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for the Malaria Awareness Day Proclamation. He then traveled to Hartford, CT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Kevin Eberly, Jr., and Joe Lapenta.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to South Kent, CT, where, at a private residence, he attended a David Cappiello for Congress and Connecticut Victory 2008 luncheon. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Clay Lowery as Acting U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Acting U.S. Director of the African Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to designate David Reid Murtaugh as Acting Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs in the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced that he has named Robert R. Hood as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Richard Graham Foote O'Donoghue as Associate Counsel to the President.

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 23

Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), vice Thomas E. Harvey, resigned.

C. Steven McGann, of New York, 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 the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be an Alternate 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 on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Regina B. Schofield, resigned.

Submitted April 24

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008, vice Harold C. Pachios, term expired.

Withdrawn April 24

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the

European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, 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 21

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and Paul Conway, chief of staff to the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan

Released April 22

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President receiving the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive's 2004–2006 report on the Federal Government's environmental and energy efficiency accomplishments

Fact sheet: White House Summit on Inner-City Children and Faith-Based Schools

Released April 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 845

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 70

Released April 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the concern about nuclear weapons programs in Syria and North Korea

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1858

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Ohio

Fact sheet: Providing Greater Opportunities for Our Children by Ensuring Access to Faith-Based Schools

Released April 25

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and the President's Malaria Initiative Coordinator R. Timothy Ziemer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2903

Fact sheet: 2008 Malaria Awareness Day

Acts Approved by the President

Approved April 23

S. 845 / Public Law 110–202
Safety of Seniors Act of 2007

H.J. Res. 70 / Public Law 110–203
Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States

Approved April 24

S. 1858 / Public Law 110–204
Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007

Approved April 25

S. 2903 / Public Law 110–205
To amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008