

to assure the American people that we will do everything we can to make sure we remain a prosperous country.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:47 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

**Executive Order 13454—
Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay**
January 4, 2008

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the laws cited herein, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Statutory Pay Systems. The rates of basic pay or salaries of the statutory pay systems (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5302(1)), as adjusted under 5 U.S.C. 5303(a), are set forth on the schedules attached hereto and made a part hereof:

(a) The General Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5332(a)) at Schedule 1;

(b) The Foreign Service Schedule (22 U.S.C. 3963) at Schedule 2; and

(c) The schedules for the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs (38 U.S.C. 7306, 7404; section 301(a) of Public Law 102-40) at Schedule 3.

Sec. 2. Senior Executive Service. The ranges of rates of basic pay for senior executives in the Senior Executive Service, as established pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5382, are set forth on Schedule 4 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 3. Certain Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries. The rates of basic pay or salaries for the following offices and positions are set forth on the schedules attached hereto and made a part hereof:

(a) The Executive Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5312–5318) at Schedule 5;

(b) The Vice President (3 U.S.C. 104) and the Congress (2 U.S.C. 31) at Schedule 6; and

(c) Justices and judges (28 U.S.C. 5, 44(d), 135, 252, and 461(a), section 140 of Public

Law 97–92, and section 305 of Division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008), at Schedule 7.

Sec. 4. Uniformed Services. The rates of monthly basic pay (37 U.S.C. 203(a)) for members of the uniformed services, as adjusted under 37 U.S.C. 1009, and the rate of monthly cadet or midshipman pay (37 U.S.C. 203(c)) are set forth on Schedule 8 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 5. Locality-Based Comparability Payments.

(a) Pursuant to section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, and section 740 of Division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, locality-based comparability payments shall be paid in accordance with Schedule 9 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(b) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall take such actions as may be necessary to implement these payments and to publish appropriate notice of such payments in the *Federal Register*.

Sec. 6. Administrative Law Judges. The rates of basic pay for administrative law judges, as adjusted under 5 U.S.C. 5372(b)(4), are set forth on Schedule 10 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 7. Effective Dates. Schedule 8 is effective on January 1, 2008. The other schedules contained herein are effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

Sec. 8. Prior Order Superseded. Executive Order 13420 of December 21, 2006, is superseded.

George W. Bush

The White House,
January 4, 2008.

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NOTE: This Executive order and its attached annexes will be published in the *Federal Register* on January 8.

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.

December 29

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia.

January 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

January 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jan Cellucci, William J. Hagenah, and Mark Y. Herring to be members of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced that he has nominated the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Humanities: Jamsheed K. Chosky; Dawn Ho Delbanco; Gary D. Glenn; David Hertz; Marvin Bailey Scott; and Carol M. Swain.

January 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Bret Baier of FOX News. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a roundtable interview with Reuters.

In the afternoon, the President participated in another interview with Bret Baier of FOX News.

The President announced his intention to designate Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick as Acting

Assistant Attorney General (Office of Justice Programs).

January 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm on December 10–11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julia W. Bland to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Richard Stickler as Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

The President announced that he has named Janet Weir Creighton as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Chris Frech as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Daniel McCardell as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Public Liaison.

The President announced that he has named Emory Rounds as Associate Counsel to the President.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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.
