

from Canada. At least 65 species of fish live in the Detroit River, including millions of walleye.

This innovative legislation enhances public-private partnerships for conservation and habitat restoration. I want to thank the many area businesses and groups that developed the conservation vision for the refuge.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
December 21, 2001.

NOTE: H.R. 1230, approved December 21, was assigned Public Law No. 107-91.

### **Statement on Signing the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001**

*December 21, 2001*

Today I have signed into law S. 494, the “Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001.” This Act symbolizes the clear bipartisan resolve in the United States to promoting human rights, good governance, and economic development in Africa. My Administration shares fully the Congress’ deep concerns about the political and economic hardships visited upon Zimbabwe by that country’s leadership. I hope the provisions of this important legislation will support the people of Zimbabwe in their struggle to effect peaceful democratic change, achieve economic growth, and restore the rule of law.

Section 4(c) of the Act purports to direct the executive branch to oppose and vote against the extension of loans or the cancellation of debt in international financial institutions unless and until I make a certification or national interest determination. I am concerned that this provision burdens my constitutional authority in the area of foreign affairs to conduct negotiations and cast votes in international organizations. I will construe the provision as being subject to my exclusive authority to negotiate or vote in international financial institutions.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
December 21, 2001.

NOTE: S. 494, approved December 21, was assigned Public Law No. 107-99.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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### **December 17**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President has invited Prime Minister Leszek Miller of Poland to visit Washington, DC, on January 11, 2002.

### **December 18**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the Homeland Security Council. He also had telephone conversations with congressional Democrats concerning proposed economic stimulus legislation. Later, he met with congressional leaders to discuss proposed economic stimulus legislation, and he also gave them White House Christmas ornaments as holiday gifts.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Constantine Simitis of Greece to Washington, DC, on January 10, 2002.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharon Brown-Hruska to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Dorn to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to designate John Thomas Korsmo as Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

### **December 19**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to express holiday wishes and discuss U.S.-Russian relations. Later, he had