President Clinton announced his intention to nominate Sheldon Hackney, president of the University of Pennsylvania and professor of history, to be chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The president named Michael Shapiro, a senior attorney with the Washington law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, to be general counsel with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The president announced his intention to nominate Jolene Molitoris, first executive director of The Literacy Initiative and former deputy director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, to be administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

President Clinton announced his intention to nominate Bill Massey, Donald Santa, James Hoecker, and Vicky Bailey to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and said he wants to make current FERC member Elizabeth Moler the chairwoman of the commission. April 10:

President Clinton announced that he asked Gen. John W. Vessey Jr. to travel to Vietnam April 18-19 to assess Vietnamese cooperation on the accounting of U.S. POW/MIAs and "to seek further progress."

The President's Appointments

Monday, April 12:

Morning: President Clinton received his intelligence and national security briefings. He participated in a proclamation-signing ceremony for National Preschool Immunization Week. He hosted the annual White House Easter egg roll.

Afternoon: President Clinton participated in a satellite hook-up to the Northeast-Midwest Institute and the New York Academy of Sciences to promote the administration's technology reinvestment project for defense conversion.
President Clinton announced his selection to head the National Endowment for the Humanities on Monday, choosing Sheldon Hackney, the president of the University of Pennsylvania.

Clinton also said he would nominate attorney Michael Shapiro as the endowment's general counsel.

Hackney has been at the university since 1981. In addition to being president, he is also a professor of history there. He is a former president of Tulane University and was on the faculty of Princeton for a decade.

A native of Alabama, Hackney has written several works about his home region, including "Populism to Progressivism in Alabama" and "Origins of the New South in Retrospect."

He holds an undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and graduate degrees from Yale University.

Shapiro is a senior attorney in a Washington law firm, where he counsels a variety of museums and international art auction houses, according to a White House statement.

The White House also announced Clinton would nominate Jolene Molitoris, a former Ohio highway official, to be administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

She is currently the first executive director of the Literacy Initiative, a private adult literacy organization. She is a former deputy director of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

In other appointments, Clinton announced he would name four new members to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Bill Massey, a Washington attorney and former chief counsel for Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark.; Donald Santa, counsel for the Senate Energy Committee; James Hoecker, a Washington attorney, and Vicky Bailey, a commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.