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Jan--

Have you seen this?

I can't decide whether to keep my train reservation for Thursday. I don't want to miss a swearing in ceremony--after 11 months of torture! But I would rather not fly if I have a choice.

No news, I assume, that would help me decide.

Best, Abby

>Washington Bulletin: National Review's Internet Update for

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>By John J. Miller and Ramesh Ponnuru

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>VICTORIA'S SECRET

>[A civil-rights commissioner defies the law.]

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>Victoria Wilson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights apparently wants

>to be a commissioner for life. She recently announced her intention not

>to resign, even though her six-year term formally expired last week. She

>was appointed in 2000 to complete the term of the late Leon

>Higginbotham, but now she argues that she's entitled to a full six-year

>term rather than the remainder of Higginbotham's. This would keep her in

>office until 2006. The White House says her time is up; commission chair

>Mary Frances Berry accepts Wilson's self-serving interpretation of the

>law.

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>Berry and Wilson made clear their disdain for the rule of law this



>summer, when they (and four other liberal commissioners) released a  
>controversial report on the 2000 presidential election in Florida. They  
>suggested that George W. Bush carried the state because of a racist  
>conspiracy to suppress black votes. The only suppression anyone could  
>point to, however, was their own: They defied established practice by  
>refusing to publish a dissent authored by the commission's two  
>GOP-appointed members.  
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>Wilson's argument makes no sense. It means that presidential appointees  
>in time-limited positions could be "re-appointed" en masse right before  
>the White House changes hands--and therefore prevent the next president  
>from shaping the government the way he deserves.  
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>Berry's support of Wilson has a personal dimension. Although she's been  
>on the commission since the 1980s, Berry's current term began when she  
>succeeded Connie Horner, whom the first President Bush had picked for  
>the commission in the final hours of his presidency. Horner's term  
>expired on December 5, 1998--but President Clinton didn't get around to  
>putting Berry in that slot until January 26, 1999. The White House  
>clerk's office, staffed by career bureaucrats, insists that Berry's term  
>ends in December 2004. Berry, however, says it concludes on January 26,  
>2005--just a few days after the end of President George W. Bush's term.  
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>If the Bush administration wants to exercise complete control over the  
>federal government--control to which it is fully entitled--it will want  
>to make sure Wilson loses her obnoxious challenge.

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