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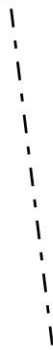
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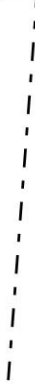
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- **Congressional Action to Pass President's Wartime Budget Request:** Both the House and Senate have passed versions of the President's emergency wartime supplemental request to support our troops and their mission in Iraq. The House and Senate versions closely follow the President's request. While important differences remain to be resolved, the final bill that will emerge from conference will provide needed resources to help make our troops more secure and enable the Iraqi people to achieve self-governance sooner.
- **Successful Asian-Pacific Economic Conference (APEC):** As a result of President Bush's leadership, the mission of APEC is being broadened to include a significant focus on joint efforts to fight terrorism and improve security in the region. Security and prosperity are inextricably linked, and the leaders of APEC have endorsed the President's call to increase cooperation on security and anti-terrorism efforts.
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- **Iran Moves Toward Cooperation on Nuclear Sites:** The Administration welcomes the efforts of the UK, French, and German Foreign Ministers, which have resulted in Iran's agreement to: 1) sign and implement nuclear nonproliferation protocols; 2) cooperate fully with additional International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspections; and 3) suspend all uranium enrichment and reprocessing activity. President Bush has worked to draw the sustained attention and condemnation of the international community to countries that pursue weapons of mass destruction. As a result of the President's leadership, the international community sent a firm and consistent message to the Iranian government that its failure to cooperate with the IAEA was unacceptable.
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