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## President outlines agenda puts homeland security at to

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush, outlining a legislative agenda after his party captured both the House and the Senate in midterm elections, said Thursday his top priority was legislation to create a new Department of Homeland Security. He said he wanted it this year.

The election may be over, but the terroist threat is still real," Bush said in his first public appearance since Republicans swept the elec-

Asked to sum up his reaction to the election, Bush said it showed that "people want something done.

He said Congress should not wait until next year, but should take up the homeland security bill in the post-election "lame duck" session that begins next week.

"I want it done. It is a priority," Bush said.

He spoke with reporters on the eve of a U.N. Security Council vote on a U.S.-backed compromise resolution demanding that Iraq disarm under the threat of force.

Earlier Thursday, Bush talked by phone with both Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac to discuss the With new leverage, GOP hones focus in Congress

With the Republicans keeping control of the House and gaining a majority in the Senate, Congress expected to take a different look at some key issues.

Energy Likely to

focus on energy production; Proposal for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lacks support.

SOURCE: Associated Press

in the disarmament.

resolution. Both have been cool

to the hardline U.S. efforts to

confront Iraqi leader Saddam

to come together to disarm

him," Bush said. He said that

Saddam "must be cooperative

was prepared to use force to

disarm Iraq, but not to move

militarily against North Korea,

nuclear weapons program, Bush said: "I do care about

which has admitted to having a

Asked why the United States

"It's now time for the world

Environment Shakeup should put a crimp in efforts to regulate carbon dioxide emissions

as a pollutant.

Health care Republicans support a benefit to be offered mainly through private Democrats

prefer a governmentadministered benefit

plan to push through as many of Bush's judicial nominees as possible next year.

North Korea...(but) we'll deal

taking a different strategy ini-

tially. We're going to talk to

countries in the neighborhood

to convince North Korea it is

not in the world's interest that

In Tuesday's midterm elec-

tions, Republicans recaptured

the Senate and increased their

margin of control in the House.

Republicans leaders were opti-

mistic that the victories would

they develop"

weapons.

'With North Korea, we're

with each threat differently.'

Sept. 11 Senate Intelligence Committee

chairman.

Roberts, R. Kan., one of the CIA's biggest defenders at hearings on the attacks, is likely more to become

Supreme Court controlled Senate could make trillion in la it much enticing for now Chief Justice scheduled William H. expire in Rehnquist 2010.

help them win passage of B administration proposal had been stalled in the Sa by the Democrats who had trolled the chamber.

"There's going to be ac plete laundry list of thir ple want to get done," cautioned, when asked whe he would push for contr issues such as his plan to younger workers to some of their Social Sen payroll taxes into stock other private investments.

to retire.

Chinese communists expect to pick new generation of leaders at congress

BEIJING (AP) - Preparing for a landmark congress that is expected to install a new generation of leaders, China's communist party pledged Thursday to modernize its ideology to keep pace with a fast-changing, increasingly capitalist society.

"China has entered into a new phase of development, in which we are to build a well-to-do society," said Ji Bingxuan, spokesman for the party's 16th National Congress, which opens Friday in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

In keeping with the secrecy surrounding the event, Ji gave no details of the personnel changes planned at the congress, where President Jiang Zemin, 76, is expected to hand over the title of party leader to his 59year-old vice president, Hu Jintao.

But Ji indicated that a key theme would be Jiang's personal campaign - known awkwardly as the "Three Represents" — to bring entrepreneurs into the party and to amend its constitution to give them a formal role.

We will ... comprehensively implement the important thought of 'Three Jiang was picked to lead the party in ing to employees contacted at four hotels.

1989 by then-supreme leader Deng Xiaoping, who launched the country's economic reforms a decade earlier.

Jiang's campaign is aimed at keeping a party that still calls itself the "vanguard of the working class" in control of a society where reform has unleashed dizzying changes. Some people have gotten rich, but many face upheaval as state industry sheds jobs in an attempt to compete

Ji defended the decision to embrace entrepreneurs, saying they would serve the party — not weaken its revolutionary zeal.

Workers, peasants, intellectuals, our men and women in uniform ... are still the backbone force of the Communist Party," he said. "This will further increase the influence and cohesion of the Communist Party throughout society.

Preparations for the congress have included sweeping efforts to tighten security in the capital and to block any possible demonstrations.

Hotels in Beijing have been ordered not to accept Tibetans or Muslim Uighurs from the estive Chinese northwest as guests, accord- bers through competitive

Nevertheless, activists used the event appeal for political change.

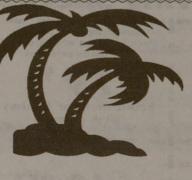
A group of 192 dissidents inside Chi in an open letter this week, urged delegate to release political prisoners and equi direct elections.

'Improvements in economic developments ment cannot cover up more and more of ous problems of deep social penl."

The relentlessly upbeat state provi avoided talk of security or ideological flict, instead heaping praise on the part preparations for the congress.

The official Xinhua News Agency Popular ed a "red readings fever" across the saying communist publications were snapped up by the public. Theaters feat communist movies. "University study love to study party history," enthused Beijing Youth Daily

Ji, the congress spokesman, sman, sm what he called the "socialist democratical d qualities of the meeting. He said its 2 delegates had been chosen by party me



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