

1997, by a conference held under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Convention was signed in Paris on December 17, 1997, by the United States and 32 other nations.

I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, interpretive Commentaries on the Convention, adopted by the negotiating conference in conjunction with the Convention, that are relevant to the Senate's consideration of the Convention. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Convention.

Since the enactment in 1977 of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the United States has been alone in specifically criminalizing the business-related bribery of foreign public officials. United States corporations have contended that this has put them at a significant disadvantage in competing for international contracts with respect to foreign competitors who are not subject to such laws. Consistent with the sense of the Congress, as expressed in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, encouraging negotiation of an agreement within the OECD governing the type of behavior that is prohibited under the FCPA, the United States has worked assiduously within the OECD to persuade other countries to adopt similar legislation. Those efforts have resulted in this Convention that once in force, will require that the Parties enact laws to criminalize the bribery of foreign public officials to obtain or retain business or other improper advantage in the conduct of international business.

While the Convention is largely consistent with existing U.S. law, my Administration will propose certain amendments to the FCPA to bring it into conformity with and to implement the Convention. Legislation will be submitted separately to the Congress.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Convention, and that it give its advice and consent to ratification.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 1, 1998.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

April 27

The President announced his intention to nominate Rudolf Vilem Perina to be Ambassador to Moldova.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael C. Lemmon to be Ambassador to Armenia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jesse Brown as Vice-Chair, and Vinh Cam, Marc Cisneros, David Moore, Alan Steinman, and Elmo Zumwalt as members of the Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents.

April 28

In the evening, the President traveled to New York City, and later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Davidow to be Ambassador to Mexico.

The President announced his intention to nominate John O'Leary to be Ambassador to Chile.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mari Carmen Aponte to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate E. William Crotty to be Ambassador to Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arthur Schechter to be Ambassador to the Bahamas.

April 29

In the morning, the President met with President Isaias Afworki of Eritrea in the Oval Office.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Roosevelt Room, the President presented the Presidential Citizens Medal to Albert Abramson.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding on April 16.

May 1

In the morning, the President traveled to San Jose, CA, where he toured Therma, Inc., and participated in a roundtable discussion with employees.

In the evening, the President traveled to Portola Valley, CA, where he attended a Democratic National Committee dinner.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 28

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Dominican Republic.

E. William Crotty, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the State of Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mexico.

John O'Leary, of Maine, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile.

Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Submitted April 29

Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Lynette Norton, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., retired.

Rudolf Vilem Perina, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Jeffrey G. Stark, of New York, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, vice R. Kenton Musgrave, retired.

Submitted May 1

Natalia Combs Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Stephen F. Eilperin.

Neal E. Kravitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Paul Rainey Webber III, term expired.