

The first step in affirming that commitment would be for the IRA to immediately reinstate the 17-month cease-fire they brazenly and foolishly broke last month.

The second step would be for Sinn Fein to show a greater willingness to compromise on the decommissioning issue.

I think we all recognize the need for Sinn Fein to be at the negotiating table and directly involved in all-party talks.

Thus, we must redouble our efforts in the coming weeks to settle on an elective process that will be broadly acceptable to all parties and which will lead to a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

I remain optimistic that by March 17, St. Patrick's Day, all the involved parties, working together, will be able to agree upon a fair and comprehensive agenda for all party talks in June.

In order to reach this goal all sides, Catholics and Protestants, Irish and British, must act in good faith in order to smooth the process toward genuine reconciliation.

As an American of Irish descent, the resolution of the conflict in Northern Ireland is of particular significance and importance to me. Both sides of my family immigrated to this country from Ireland.

For me a foreign trip to Ireland is akin to a family reunion.

That is why I am so desperate to see this process succeed and bring a lasting peace to Northern Ireland. And I believe that today we stand on the cusp of a truly new era of peace and reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants.

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, I am once again reminded of the words of Seamus Heaney:

History says, don't hope on this side of the grave, but then once in a lifetime, the long, far tidal wave of justice can rise up, and hope and history rhyme. So hope for a great sea change on the far side of revenge. Believe that further shore is reachable from here. Believe in miracles and cures and healing wells.

At no time in the history of Northern Ireland have Catholics and Protestants been so close to that point where hope and history rhyme. Together with all involved parties, the American people must stand together with those whose goal is peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THEODORE O. WALLIN, PH.D.

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Theodore O. Wallin, Ph.D., for his outstanding contributions and achievements in the fields of transportation and education. Professor Wallin has served as the director of the Franklin program in transportation and distribution management, chairman of the marketing, transportation and distribution management department, and associate

professor of transportation and marketing at Syracuse University.

Professor Wallin is recognized as a world renowned expert in the areas of transportation economics, management, and public policy, and has published numerous articles in several scholastic journals. He has worked for the development of the Salzberg Transportation Institute at Syracuse University and has authored a number of research projects for New York State and Federal governmental agencies.

In addition to his research, Professor Wallin has served as president of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Nu Alpha International Professional Transportation fraternity and was recognized by Nu Alpha as the Outstanding Man of the Year in 1984.

As a member of the American Society of Transportation and Logistics, the American Marketing Association, the Council of Logistics Management, editorial board for the Transportation Journal and Journal of Transportation Management, Dr. Wallin has contributed considerably to the Department of Management at Syracuse University. He has been recognized as an outstanding faculty member several times during his tenure at the university.

As United States Senator from New York and an alumni of Syracuse, I am particularly pleased to wish Dr. Theodore Wallin success as he continues his distinguished career as the resident director of the newly established Syracuse University Division of International Programs Abroad in Hong Kong.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JIM BUNNING

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague of mine, JIM BUNNING, who was recently inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. This is an outstanding honor and one for which he and his family should be very proud. I take special interest in his election because for 9 years, from 1955 to 1963, he pitched for the Detroit Tigers. Being a Tigers fan and a Detroit resident I had the good fortune to see JIM BUNNING pitch on a number of occasions. He was a tremendous pitcher. Although Detroit's record varied through those years, JIM BUNNING could be counted on for a solid game. It was unfortunate for Detroit, but advantageous for baseball history, that JIM left the Tigers, and the American League, and moved to Philadelphia, and the National League. He would soon become the only player in baseball history to throw a no-hitter in each league. His lifetime statistics are similarly impressive. JIM BUNNING is one of those remarkable men who has succeeded not only on the field of sport but in the arena of public service. Since his departure from baseball in 1971, he has become an adroit and respected legislator. Although we don't serve on the same team here in Congress, JIM BUNNING, for his athletic and

congressional achievements will always have my deep respect and admiration.□

#### HANDS-ON/MINDS-ON TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Sandia National Laboratories for its communication coordination of the hands-on/minds-on technologies [HMTech] program in New Mexico. This program enhances the study of science and technology in the African-American student population and further encourages these students to enter technology related careers. Mr. President, this year the HMTech program reached a milestone—its 10th year of operation.

The HMTech project has touched the lives of more than 1,000 New Mexico students. The project began in 1986 as a program to promote academic achievement in the African-American student population and provide activity based science and engineering activities. HMTech's primary goal is to support the development of a scientific and technically trained student base with hands-on technology opportunities. HMTech's class activities include drafting, ecology, health, medicine, physics, computer science, electronics, chemistry, math, and communications skills.

Mr. President, providing a child-centered approach to instruction, HMTech is an intensive 6-week evening program offered each fall and spring at no charge to students grades 5 through 12. African-American instructors, including scientists, engineers, and technicals, staff the project, volunteering their expertise and their time to the HMTech program for classroom instruction.

The HMTech also has a very exciting and extensive tutorial program. HMTech provides students after school tutorials in math and science, a multi-disciplinary homework hotline, scholastic aptitude test [SAT] tutorials, college preparatory classes, parent involvement workshops, and workshops for the instructors and volunteers.

Mr. President, for its outstanding accomplishments, sincere interest in expanding the minds of young people, and its outstanding service to New Mexico and our Nation in education and technology, I would like to commend those who make the HMTech program a success.●

#### THE RETIREMENT OF PETE CARRIL

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, this year March Madness will have two New Jersey teams competing for the men's college basketball championship. I rise to extend my personal congratulations to the Monmouth University Hawks and the Princeton University Tigers, who have earned berths in the NCAA tournament.

Mr. President, the Monmouth Hawks represent one of New Jersey's fine institutions of higher learning. Monmouth University's appearance in the NCAA tournament this year is its first ever, and an accomplishment of which the college is deservedly proud. The Hawks, led by coach Wayne Szoke, have amassed an impressive 20-9 record this year with their well-run motion offense, long-range shooting, and tenacious defense. Back in November, nobody picked them to make it to the NCAA tournament, but they are a team on the rise. Their next opponent is sure to find that out. I am pleased that Monmouth University has this opportunity to get some well-deserved national recognition and wish the Hawks the best of luck in their game tonight.

The Princeton Tigers represent one of the finest universities in the world and are not new to the NCAA tournament. However, this appearance is a special one for the Tigers as it represents the last for their great coach, Pete Carril. Coach Carril has decided to retire after 29 magnificent years at Princeton and there is no doubt that Princeton and all of college basketball will sorely miss him. On behalf of his many fans in New Jersey, I wish him the best of luck in his future, and particularly in Princeton's game tonight.●

#### MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 2854

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the previous consent on the appointment of conferees to H.R. 2854, the consent be modified to reflect the following: With respect to the Democratic conferees, that other Democratic members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture may substitute for named Democratic members of the conference as needed, provided that no more than six Republicans or five Democratic conferees participate in the conference meetings at any given time; that the total number of Democratic and Republican conferees signing the conference report do not exceed the number so named as conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1618

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1618) to provide uniform standards for the award of punitive damages for volunteer services.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's executive calendar: Executive calendar nomination Nos. 365, 480, 498 through 501, 503, 504, 505 and 506.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, I just would like to make an inquiry about one officer that I believe is on the list. I want to confirm the fact that he is on the list. Captain Padgett was supposed to be confirmed tonight. I believe his name is on the list. I would like confirmation.

Mr. ABRAHAM. I confirm for the Senator from Nebraska that Officer Padgett is on the list.

Mr. EXON. I thank my friend from Michigan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ABRAHAM. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection to the request of the Senator from Michigan?

There being no objection, the nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### NAVY

The following-named captain in the line of the U.S. Navy for promotion to the permanent grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 624, subject to qualifications, therefore, as provided by law:

#### UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. John B. Padgett III, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

#### AIR FORCE

The following-named officers for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

##### To be major general

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Case, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Donald G. Cook, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. John R. Dallager, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Richard L. Engel, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Bobby O. Floyd, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey R. Grime, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. John W. Hawley, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. William T. Hobbins, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Huot, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Timothy A. Kinnan, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Michael C. Kostelnik, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Lance W. Lord, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Ronald C. Marcotte, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Michael J. McCarthy, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. John F. Miller, Jr., 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Charles H. Perez, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Terryl J. Schwalier, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. George T. Stringer, 000-00-0000.  
Brig. Gen. Gary A. Voellger, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grade indicated, under the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Sections 8373, 8374, 12201, and 12212:

##### To be major general

Brig. Gen. James F. Brown, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Brig. Gen. James McIntosh, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Gary A. Brewington, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. William L. Fleshman, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Allen H. Henderson, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. John E. Iffland, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Dennis J. Kerkman, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Stephen M. Koper, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Anthony L. Liguori, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Kenneth W. Mahon, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. William H. Phillips, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. Jerry H. Risher, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.  
Col. William J. Shondel, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.

The following-named officers for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Brian A. Arnold, 000-00-0000.  
Col. John R. Baker, 000-00-0000.  
Col. Richard T. Banholzer, 000-00-0000.  
Col. John L. Barry, 000-00-0000.  
Col. John D. Becker, 000-00-0000.  
Col. Robert F. Behler, 000-00-0000.