

Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Gen. John P. Jumper, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Carlson, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. William F. Smith, III, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general, Medical Corps

Col. Lester Martinez-Lopez, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Celia L. Adolphi, 0000

James W. Comstock, 0000

Robert M. Kimmitt, 0000

Paul E. Lima, 0000

Thomas J. Matthews, 0000

Jon R. Root, 0000

Joseph L. Thompson III, 0000

John R. Tindall, Jr., 0000

Gary C. Wattnem, 0000

To be brigadier general

Alan D. Bell, 0000

Kristine K. Campbell, 0000

Wayne M. Erck, 0000

Stephen T. Gonczy, 0000

Robert L. Heine, 0000

Paul H. Hill, 0000

Rodney M. Kobayashi, 0000

Thomas P. Maney, 0000

Ronald S. Mangum, 0000

Randall L. Mason, 0000

Paul E. Mock, 0000

Collis N. Phillips, 0000

Michael W. Symanski, 0000

Theodore D. Szakmary, 0000

David A. Van Kleeck, 0000

George H. Walker, Jr., 0000

William K. Wedge, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY

Air Force nominations beginning Joseph A. Abbott, and ending Thomas J. Zuzack,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 27, 1999.

Army nomination of Joel R. Rhoades, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 27, 1999.

Navy nominations beginning George R. Arnold, and ending Todd S. Weeks, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 1999.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—TREATIES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following treaties on today's Executive Calendar: Nos 4 through 14. I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be considered as having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; all committee provisos, reservations, understandings, and declarations be considered agreed to; any statements be printed in the RECORD; and the Senate take one vote on the resolutions of ratification to be considered as separate votes. Further, that when the resolutions of ratification are voted upon, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

TAX CONVENTION WITH ESTONIA

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Estonia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-55), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the State Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH LITHUANIA

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-56), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH LATVIA

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Latvia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-57), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH VENEZUELA

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the

United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Texas on Income and Capital, together with a Protocol, signed at Caracas on January 25, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-3), subject to the understanding of subsection (a), the declarations of subsection 9(b), and the proviso of subsection (c).

(a) **UNDERSTANDINGS.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following understandings, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) **PREVENTION OF DOUBLE EXEMPTION.**—Where under Article 7 (Business Profits) or Article 14 (Independent Personal Services) of this Convention income is relieved from tax in one Contracting State and, under the law in force in the other Contracting State a person is not subject to tax in that other Contracting State in respect of such income, then the relief to be allowed under this Convention in the first-mentioned Contracting State shall apply only to so much of the income as is subject to tax in the other Contracting State. This understanding shall cease to have effect when the provisions of Venezuela's Law Amending the Income Tax Law (hereinafter the "new Venezuelan tax law"), relating to the implementation of a worldwide tax system in replacement of Venezuela's current territorial tax system, are effective in accordance with the provisions of such new Venezuelan tax law.

(2) **VENEZUELAN BRANCH PROFITS TAX.**—The United States understands that the reference to an "additional tax" in Article 11A of the Convention includes the tax that may be imposed by Venezuela (the "Venezuelan Branch Tax") pursuant to the relevant provisions of the new Venezuelan tax law. In addition, the United States understands that the limit imposed under Article 11A of the Convention shall apply with respect to the Venezuelan Branch Tax and that for purposes of that article the Venezuelan Branch Tax shall be imposed only on an amount not in excess of the amount that is analogous to the "dividend equivalent amount" defined in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 10 of the Protocol with respect to the United States.

(b) **DECLARATIONS.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declarations, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **NEW VENEZUELAN TAX LAW.**—Before the President may notify Venezuela pursuant to Article 29 of the Convention that the United States has completed the required ratification procedures, he shall certify to the Committee on Foreign Relations that:

(i) the new Venezuelan tax law has been enacted in accordance with Venezuelan law;

(ii) the Department of the Treasury in consultation with the Department of State, has thoroughly examined the new Venezuelan tax law; and

(iii) the new Venezuelan tax law is fully consistent with and appropriate to the obligations under the Convention.

(2) **TREATY INTERPRETATION.**—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(c) **PROVISO.**—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.**—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes leg-

islation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH SLOVENIA

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Ljubljana on June 21, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-9), subject to the reservation of subsection (a), the understanding of subsection (b), the declaration of subsection (c), and the proviso of subsection (d).

(a) **RESERVATION.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following reservation, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) **MAIN PURPOSE TESTS.**—Paragraph 10 of Article 10 (Dividends), paragraph 10 of Article 11 (Interest), paragraph 7 of Article 12 (Royalties), paragraph 3 of Article 21 (Other Income), and subparagraph (g) of paragraph 3 of Article 25 (Mutual Agreement Procedure) of the Convention shall be stricken in their entirety.

(b) **UNDERSTANDING.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**—The United States understands that, pursuant to Article 26 of the Convention, both the competent authority of the United States and the competent authority of the Republic of Slovenia have the authority to obtain and provide information held by financial institutions, nominees or persons acting in an agency or fiduciary capacity, or respecting interests in a person.

(c) **DECLARATION.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **TREATY INTERPRETATION.**—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(d) **PROVISO.**—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.**—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH ITALY

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic for the Avoid-

ance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Fraud or Fiscal Evasion, signed at Washington on August 25, 1999, together with a Protocol (Treaty Doc. 106-11), subject to the reservation of subsection (a), the understanding of subsection (b), the declaration of subsection (c), and the proviso of subsection (d).

(a) **RESERVATION.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following reservation, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) **MAIN PURPOSE TESTS.**—Paragraph 10 of Article 10 (Dividends), paragraph 9 of Article 11 (Interest), paragraph 8 of Article 12 (Royalties), and paragraph 3 of Article 22 (Other Income) of the Convention, and paragraph 19 of Article 1 of the Protocol (dealing with Article 25 (Mutual Agreement Procedure) of the Convention) shall be stricken in their entirety, and paragraph 20 of Article 1 of the Protocol shall be renumbered as paragraph 19.

(b) **UNDERSTANDING.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**—The United States understands that, pursuant to Article 26 of the Convention, both the competent authority of the United States and the competent authority of the Republic of Italy have the authority to obtain and provide information held by financial institutions, nominees or persons acting in an agency or fiduciary capacity, or respecting interests in a person.

(c) **DECLARATION.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **TREATY INTERPRETATION.**—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(d) **PROVISO.**—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION.**—Nothing in the Convention requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

TAX CONVENTION WITH DENMARK

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on August 19, 1999, together with a Protocol (Treaty Doc. 106-12), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) **DECLARATION.**—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) **TREATY INTERPRETATION.**—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of