

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has used disproportionate force in the bombings of civilian targets in Chechnya which has resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians and the displacement of well over 250,000 others;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has refused to engage in negotiations with the Chechen resistance toward a just peace and instead has charged Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov with armed mutiny and issued a warrant for his arrest;

Whereas Russian authorities deny access to regions in and around Chechnya by the international community, including officials of the United Nations, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe, and maintain a virtual ban on access to Chechen civilians by media and international humanitarian organizations, including the International Federation of the Red Cross;

Whereas these restrictions severely limited the ability of these organizations to ascertain the extent of the humanitarian crisis and to provide humanitarian relief;

Whereas even limited testimony and general investigation by international organizations credibly reported widespread looting, summary executions, detentions, denial of safe passage to fleeing civilians, torture and rape committed by Russian soldiers;

Whereas there are credible reports of specific atrocities committed by Russian soldiers in Chechnya, including the rampages in Alkhan-Yurt where 17 persons were killed in December 1999 and in the Staropromyslovsky district of Grozny where 44 persons were killed in December 1999; and the rapes of Chechen prisoners in the Chernokosovo detention camp;

Whereas these credible reports indicate clear violations of international human rights standards and law that must be investigated, and those responsible must be held accountable; and

Whereas United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson proposed on February 20, 2000, the prosecution of Russian military commanders for overseeing "executions, tortures, and rapes"; and

Whereas the Senate expresses its concern over the conflict and humanitarian tragedy in Chechnya, and its desire for a peaceful resolution and durable settlement to the conflict: Now, therefore, be it.

*Resolved*, That it is the Sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Government of the Russian Federation—

(A) immediately cease its military operations in Chechnya and initiate negotiations toward a just peace with the leadership of the Chechen Government, including President Aslan Maskhadov;

(B) allow into and around Chechnya international missions to monitor and report on the situation there and to investigate alleged atrocities and war crimes;

(C) allow international humanitarian agencies immediate full and unimpeded access to Chechen civilians, including those in refugee, detention and so called "filtration camps" or any other facility where citizens of Chechnya are detained; and

(D) investigate fully the atrocities committed in Chechnya including those alleged in Alkhan-Yurt, and Grozny, and initiate prosecutions against those officers and soldiers accused.

(2) the President of the United States of America—

(A) should promote peace negotiations between the Government of the Russian Federation and the leadership of the Chechen Government, including President Aslan Maskhadov, through third party mediation by the OSCE, United Nations or other appropriate parties;

(B) endorse the call of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for an investigation of alleged war crimes committed by the Russian military in Chechnya; and

(C) should take tangible steps to demonstrate to the Government of the Russian Federation that the United States strongly condemns its brutal conduct in Chechnya and its unwillingness to find a just political solution to the conflict in Chechnya.

#### ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 824

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 824 be made with the changes that are at the desk.

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

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, February 28. I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 12 noon until 1 p.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, from 1 to 2 p.m.

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

Mr. BROWNBAC. Following morning business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of S. 1134 and that the majority leader be immediately recognized.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BROWNBAC. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 12 noon on Monday and will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the education savings accounts legislation. As a reminder, cloture was filed on the bill today with the cloture vote scheduled to occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29. Pursuant to rule XXII, all first-degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m. on Monday. For the information of all Senators, the leader has announced there will be no rollcall votes during Monday's session of the Senate.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous

consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:55 p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 28, 2000, at 12 noon.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 24, 2000:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICK FRANCIS KENNEDY, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE GEORGE EDWARD MOOSE.

##### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NINA V. FEDOROFF, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006, VICE CLAUDIA I. MITCHELL-KERNAN.

DIANA S. NATALICIO, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER:

MATTIE R. SHARPLESS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

PETER O. KURZ, OF MARYLAND  
KENNETH J. ROBERTS, OF MISSOURI

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

ALLAN P. MUSTARD, OF WASHINGTON  
HOWARD R. WETZEL, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NANCY M. MCKAY, OF VIRGINIA

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BRIAN I. MCCLEARY, OF VIRGINIA

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FRANK JOSEPH LEDAHAWSKY, OF WEST VIRGINIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MARGARET MCFADDIN HARRITT, OF VIRGINIA  
DIANE M. LEACH, OF VIRGINIA  
CARRIE A. THOMPSON, OF CONNECTICUT  
ANNETTE ELIZABETH TUEBNER, OF VIRGINIA  
ROGER YOCHELSON, OF MASSACHUSETTS

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JAMES F. SULLIVAN, OF FLORIDA  
MARILYN J. TAYLOR, OF TEXAS

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DONNA MICHAELS, OF WASHINGTON  
SUSAN BUTLER NIBLOCK, OF TENNESSEE

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA O. ATTKISSON, OF VIRGINIA  
COURTNEY E. AUSTRIAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
VEOMAYOURY BACCAM, OF IOWA  
DOUGLASS R. BENNING, OF NEW YORK  
MARIA E. BREWER, OF INDIANA  
KERRY L. BROUHAM, OF CALIFORNIA  
JULIE J. CHUNG, OF CALIFORNIA  
CARMELA A. CONROY, OF WASHINGTON  
JOSEPH GALLAZZI, OF FLORIDA  
DAVID J. GREENE, OF NEW YORK

RAYMOND F. GREENE, III, OF MARYLAND  
 DEBORAH GUIDO-O'GRADY, OF VIRGINIA  
 JANE J. HELLER, OF CALIFORNIA  
 CHARLES W. LEVESQUE, OF ILLINOIS  
 ALAN D. MELTZER, OF NEW YORK  
 DAVID TIMOTHY NOBLES, OF CALIFORNIA  
 PATRICK RAYMOND O'REILLY, OF CONNECTICUT  
 DAVID D. POTTER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
 VANGALA S. RAM, OF CALIFORNIA  
 ERIC NATHAN RICHARDSON, OF MICHIGAN  
 TAYLOR VINSON RUGGLES, OF VIRGINIA  
 THOMAS LEONARD SCHMITZ, OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
 JONATHAN L.A. SHRIER, OF FLORIDA  
 STEPHANIE FAYE SYPTAK, OF TEXAS  
 MARK TESONE, OF CALIFORNIA  
 HEATHER ROACH VARIAVA, OF IOWA  
 MICHAEL ANTHONY VEASY, OF TENNESSEE  
 GLENN STEWART WARREN, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS INDICATED:

CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DENA J. AYERVAIS, OF VIRGINIA  
 GREGORY J. BACHMAN, OF VIRGINIA  
 JUSTIN E. BAER, OF MARYLAND  
 BRIAN J. BARNA, OF VIRGINIA  
 JANICE M. BRUCE, OF MARYLAND  
 MONICA BARRAGAN-SMITH, OF VIRGINIA  
 DAVID N. BAYNARD, OF VIRGINIA  
 KIMBERLY M. BLOUNT, OF MARYLAND  
 DAN R. BOLL, OF VIRGINIA  
 VICKY A. BURGESS, OF VIRGINIA  
 CHRISTINE A. CAMPBELL, OF FLORIDA  
 ROBERT MICHAEL CAMPIONE, OF VIRGINIA  
 JANICE K. CHRISTIANSEN, OF VIRGINIA  
 RICHARD N. COLLINS, OF CONNECTICUT  
 NANCY L. CULLINAN, OF VIRGINIA  
 JOSEPHINE J. DUMM, OF VIRGINIA  
 CHRISTIAN A. EADES, OF MARYLAND  
 ANGELA K. ENG, OF VIRGINIA  
 ROGER M. ERVIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 TODD C. PAULK, OF VIRGINIA  
 MARY SUSAN GALIARDI, OF VIRGINIA  
 THOMAS C. GEDDES, OF VIRGINIA  
 KELLY A. GEORGE, OF VIRGINIA  
 KURT B. HALLBERG, OF VIRGINIA  
 MALCOLM E. HARRISON, OF VIRGINIA  
 EDEN HEINSHEIMER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 FINN HOLM-OLSEN, OF VIRGINIA  
 CHRISTOPHER C. INTAGLIATA, OF VIRGINIA  
 JOHN H. JACOBS, OF MARYLAND  
 DEBBIE ANN JAMES, OF MARYLAND  
 TRACY A. KAHN, OF VIRGINIA  
 DAVID L. KELLER, OF VIRGINIA  
 SAMUEL R. KOZLOFF, OF FLORIDA  
 MICHAEL J. KRESSE, OF VIRGINIA  
 CYNTHIA ANN LANDRUM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 PAUL D. LENSINK, OF VIRGINIA  
 R. SHANE LINDER, OF VIRGINIA  
 ROBERT F. LITVIK, OF VIRGINIA  
 GEOFFREY H. LYON, OF VIRGINIA  
 CHRISTOPHER M. MARTIN, OF VIRGINIA  
 MARTIN J. MCANDREW, OF VIRGINIA  
 STEPHEN N. MCFARLAND, OF VIRGINIA  
 PAULO MENDES, OF MARYLAND  
 PILAR MILLER, OF VIRGINIA  
 STEVEN MARK MOUTON, OF VIRGINIA  
 CHARLES BENJAMIN NANTZ, III, OF VIRGINIA  
 DANIEL J. O'CONNOR, OF VIRGINIA

RENEE D. ODEN, OF VIRGINIA  
 CATERINA C. PANOS, OF MARYLAND  
 SHEETAL T. PATEL, OF VIRGINIA  
 ROBERT P. PEACOCK, OF VIRGINIA  
 SUSAN M. PEARSON, OF VIRGINIA  
 D. GEOFFREY PECK, OF VIRGINIA  
 LEIGH CLARE POWELL, OF VIRGINIA  
 KENNETH B. REIDBORD, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 JAMES C. RIGASSIO, OF NEW JERSEY  
 JOHN SCOTT RITCHIE, OF VIRGINIA  
 DAVID WAYNE ROCHE, OF VIRGINIA  
 CYNTHIA S. RODRIGUEZ-KNOX, OF MARYLAND  
 KATHLEEN F. SCHMIDT, OF VIRGINIA  
 SALLY J. SCHNEIDER, OF VIRGINIA  
 BONNIE J. SKOVLIN-HUELLER, OF VIRGINIA  
 ANNETTE L. SOWARD, OF VIRGINIA  
 MAREN SMITH, OF VIRGINIA  
 VICTORIA STEWART-MOORE, OF MARYLAND  
 E. JEAN SWINDLE, OF VIRGINIA  
 LEONARD EDWARD TAGG, OF VIRGINIA  
 NICHOLAS TERRIGNO, OF VIRGINIA  
 JAMES R. THOMPSON, III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RICHARD M. TIMBERLAKE, OF VIRGINIA  
 DAVID S. WISENANT, OF VIRGINIA  
 MINOY WIREN, OF VIRGINIA  
 RUSSELL G. WOODY, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18, 1992:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

LEO R. WOLLEMBORG, OF NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 1993:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ARLYNE E. HEERLEIN, OF OHIO

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1994:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

JAMES T.L. DANDRIDGE, II, OF ALABAMA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 1994:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

DANIEL MCGAFFIE, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 1997:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

CHRISTINE DEBORAH SHELLY, OF FLORIDA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 1999:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

MARGARET M. DEAN, OF ILLINOIS  
 JOHN SEABURY FORD, OF OHIO

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE AS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 1999:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

NANCY MORGAN SERPA, OF NEW JERSEY

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. JAMES F. BARNETTE, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. GILBERT R. DARDIS, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. DAVID B. POYTHRESS, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH K. SIMEONE, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. RICHARD E. SPOONER, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. STEVEN W. THU, 0000  
 BRIG. GEN. BRUCE F. TUXILL, 0000  
 COL. SHELBY G. BRYANT, 0000  
 COL. KENNETH R. CLARK, 0000  
 COL. GREGORY B. GARDNER, 0000  
 COL. JOHN B. HANDY, 0000  
 COL. JON D. JACOBS, 0000  
 COL. CLIFTON W. LESLIE, JR., 0000  
 COL. JOHN A. LOVE, 0000  
 COL. DOUGLAS R. MOORE, 0000  
 COL. EUGENE A. SEVI, 0000  
 COL. DAVID E.B. STROHM, 0000  
 COL. HARRY M. WYATT, III, 0000

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 3069 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES:

#### *To be brigadier general, Nurse Corps*

COL. WILLIAM T. BESTER, 0000

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 24, 2000:

#### THE JUDICIARY

KERMIT BYE, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

GEORGE B. DANIELS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.