

Now, we have all seen the benefits of trade with China. I have seen it in Rhode Island. It has been growing from a very small base to a moderately larger base, and it continues to grow. In fact, years ago, one of the first glimpses I had of the global economy was going to an Italian parade on Federal Hill in Providence, RI, meeting a gentleman with whom I chatted. I took him to be a jewelry worker or somebody who worked in the plant. It turns out he owned that business in Rhode Island. We were chatting and he asked me, "Have you ever been to China?" That was 5 or 6 years ago. Then, he casually said he owned an aerosol factory in Beijing. So I knew when you go to an Italian festival in Providence and chat with a businessman and he owns an aerosol factory in China, the world is getting much smaller. It is happening all across the country.

What we have tried to do in this agreement—we, the negotiators—is to recognize that some of our products that are very dear to the hearts of our economy will get some benefits. For example, on precious metals and jewelry—a huge part of our economy and still an important part—China will reduce its tariffs from 40 percent to 11 percent. That, we hope, will help. In terms of information technology products, that is something we would like to be a bigger part of our economy, but it is a growing part. China will eliminate all duties on computers, electronics, fiber optic cable, as well as on scientific and measuring equipment. We have some of the oldest industrial measuring companies in the world, such as Browne and Sharpe; they, too, will benefit. And there are several more products where we can see advantages that will accrue directly to my home State of Rhode Island.

Also, there is just a general benefit to the businesses and workers of America. It is very much manifested in small- and medium-size businesses because they are doing more and more trade with China. It has doubled in the last 5 years from about 3,100 small- and medium-size businesses trading with China to about 7,600 trading today. That should increase even more. Part of this arrangement in the President's proposal in terms of making PNTR work is making the Department of Commerce more active in promoting trade with China—going out and educating small- and medium-size businesses about the advantages of trade with China, and show them through web sites and informational brochures how to get into the Chinese market. Once again, I believe—and maybe this is the essence of our mutual faith in this country—that once our businesspeople and our workers have the idea and the knowledge to go out and do something, they are going to do it and do it very well.

As I mentioned previously, we have already built in some protections against inevitable, or at least possible, surges of Chinese imports into our

country. We have special provisions that will last 12 years, which deal with market disruptions and will not be limited to any one product but to all the products the Chinese may export to this country. We also will still have access to sections 301 and 201, and anti-dumping mechanisms that are American laws, but the Chinese have agreed to allow them to be used in this transition and in this implementation of PNTR and WTO.

Congressman LEVIN of Michigan, as part of the bill we are considering today, has also created an executive-legislative commission that will oversee not only the trade impact but also the human rights issues that have been raised time and time again on this floor. This commission will be another vantage point from which we can assess and evaluate our relationship with China and their fidelity to the agreements they have signed.

The long and the short of it is that this is an agreement in its details which gives advantages to the United States which will help us and which I believe should be supported.

We are at a point where this measure I believe will pass. We are at a point at which we are embarking on a continuation of our relationship with China, but again a relationship that is still troubling to many.

PNTR will not cure all the defects we see in China, nor eliminate all the defects they see in the United States. But it will continue to give us a framework to be engaged. It will continue to give us the opportunity and the time to work at some of these very fundamental problems. It will challenge the Chinese in many respects to do as much as we will be challenged—some would argue, even more.

We, fortunately, have a system of government that is not dominated by a bureaucratic—and one would say anachronistic—single party. We have a citizenry that is educated. We have social networks. We have Social Security. We have Medicare.

China—which is one of the ironies of that great socialist bastion—has no system of national health care, has no system of pensions, has no system of Social Security. It is all tied into the terribly inefficient state-owned enterprises. And if they try to change these state-owned enterprises, they are going to have to create, in effect, a social welfare system, which we already have in place.

But I also don't want to minimize the fact that in the lives of many American families, this legislation could force change. But the opportunity to continue this engagement, the opportunity to insist that the Chinese not only participate in a world order but be responsible for values of that order, is an opportunity I don't think we can pass up at this time.

I will support this measure. I also look forward to the opportunity to come back here again when, in implementation, we see that they fall short;

when, in implementation, they see us as falling short; but just the opportunity, and I think to be able to have a forum to carefully discuss these issues. It is better than turning away from China. It is better than inducing hostilities. It is better than the alternative.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In accordance with the previous order, the Senate now stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 14.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:25 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 13, 2000:

THE JUDICIARY

RICHARD W. ANDERSON, OF MONTANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA VICE CHARLES C. LOVELL, RETIRED.

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 major general

BRIG. GEN. WILLIE A. ALEXANDER, 0000

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. CAROLE A. BRISCOE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DAVID J. KAUCHECK, 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

COL. DANIEL F. PERUGINI, 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

COL. JEFFREY J. SCHLOESSER, 0000

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN E. STEVENS, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. RICK BACCUS, 0000
COL. ABNER C. BLALOCK JR., 0000
COL. JOHN M. BRAUN, 0000
BRIG. GEN. GEORGE A. BUSKIRK JR., 0000
COL. JAMES R. CARPENTER, 0000
COL. CRAIG N. CHRISTENSEN, 0000
COL. PAUL D. COSTLOW, 0000
COL. JAMES P. DALEY, 0000
COL. CHARLES E. FLEMING, 0000
COL. CHARLES E. GIBSON, 0000
COL. MICHAEL A. GORMAN, 0000
COL. JOHN F. HOLECHEK JR., 0000
COL. MITCHELL R. LECLAIRE, 0000
COL. RICHARD G. MAXON, 0000
COL. GARY A. PAPPAS, 0000
COL. DONALD H. POLK, 0000
COL. ROBLEY S. RIGDON, 0000
COL. CHARLES T. ROBBS, 0000
COL. BRUCE D. SCHRIMPF, 0000
COL. THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, 0000
COL. BRIAN L. TARBET, 0000
COL. GORDON D. TONEY, 0000
COL. ANTONIO J. VICENS-GONZALEZ, 0000
COL. WILLIAM L. WALLER JR., 0000

COL. CHARLES R. WEBB, 0000
COL. WILLIAM D. WOFFORD, 0000
COL. KENNETH F. WONDRAK, 0000
COL. RONALD D. YOUNG, 0000

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM J. DAVIES, 0000
BRIG. GEN. GEORGE T. GARRETT, 0000
BRIG. GEN. DENNIS A. KAMIMURA, 0000
BRIG. GEN. BRUCE M. LAWLOR, 0000
BRIG. GEN. TIMOTHY E. NEEL, 0000
BRIG. GEN. LARRY W. SHELLITO, 0000
BRIG. GEN. DARWIN H. SIMPSON, 0000
BRIG. GEN. EDWIN H. WRIGHT, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. GEORGE A. ALEXANDER, 0000
COL. CHARLES C. APPELEY, 0000
COL. TERRY P. BARKER, 0000
COL. JOHN P. BASILICA JR., 0000
COL. WESLEY E. CRAIG JR., 0000
COL. JAMES J. DOUGHERTY JR., 0000
COL. RONALD B. KALKOFEN, 0000
COL. EDWARD G. KLEIN, 0000
COL. THOMAS P. LUCZYNSKI, 0000
COL. JAMES R. MASON, 0000
COL. GLEN I. SAKAGAWA, 0000
COL. JOSEPH J. TALUTO, 0000
COL. THOMAS S. WALKER, 0000
COL. GEORGE W. WILSON, 0000
COL. IRENEUSZ J. ZEMBRZUSKI, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. HERBERT L. ALTSHULER, 0000
BRIG. GEN. RICHARD E. COLEMAN, 0000
BRIG. GEN. B. SUE DUEITT, 0000
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL R. MAYO, 0000
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT S. SILVERTHORN JR., 0000
BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. WILSON, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL G. CORRIGAN, 0000
COL. JOHN R. HAWKINS III, 0000
COL. GREGORY J. HUNT, 0000
COL. MICHAEL K. JELINSKY, 0000
COL. ROBERT R. JORDAN, 0000
COL. DAVID E. KRATZER, 0000
COL. MICHAEL A. KUEHR, 0000
COL. BRUCE D. MOORE, 0000
COL. CONRAD W. PONDER JR., 0000
COL. JERRY W. RESHETAR, 0000
COL. BRUCE E. ROBINSON, 0000
COL. JAMES R. SHOLAR, 0000
COL. EDWIN E. SPAIN, 0000
COL. STEPHEN B. THOMPSON, 0000
COL. GEORGE W. WELLS JR., 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

DAVID L. LADOUCEUR, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

JEFFREY N. ROCKER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 5582:

To be commander

JERRY C. MAZANOWSKI, 0000
ROBERT L. SCHEPKY, 0000
ANTHONY C. SMITH, 0000

To be lieutenant commander

WILLIAM D. AGERTON, 0000
KARIE F. ANDERSEN, 0000
OCTAVIO A. BORGES, 0000
JOHN T. CONTRERAS, 0000
KARINE M. CURETON, 0000
JUDITH M. DICKERT, 0000
STEPHEN M. GILL, 0000
MARTHA K. GIRZ, 0000
VANCE M. GOOCH, 0000
JORGE A. GRAZIANI, 0000
KURT A. HENRY, 0000
JEFFREY J. LAUGLE, 0000
GERARD J. MAHONEY, 0000

MARK A. MALAKOOTI, 0000
FREDERICK J. McDONALD, 0000
MARY A. McMACKIN, 0000
WILLIAM R. MEEKER, 0000
CHRISTOPHER S. QUARLES, 0000
RICHARD L. SIEMENS, 0000
BRADLEY H. SMITH, 0000
PATRICIA A. TORDIK, 0000
TODD L. WAGNER, 0000

To be lieutenant

DAVID R. APPEL, 0000
BRAD L. ARTHUR, 0000
ALBERT R. BAKER, 0000
DAVID G. BAPTISTA, 0000
JOEL D. BASHORE, 0000
JERRIS L. BENNETT, 0000
TIMOTHY J. BERGAN, 0000
WILLIAM G. BERRY, 0000
LEAH A. BERSAMIN, 0000
MICHAEL B. BEZA, 0000
BRIAN A. BISHOP, 0000
SHELLY R. BLADOW, 0000
MARC E. BOYD, 0000
ERIC K. BRESSMAN, 0000
STEPHEN P. BROMBEREK, 0000
ANNE M. BROWN, 0000
DEIRDRE L. BROWN, 0000
SARAH A. BROWNE, 0000
SHAWN J. BRUNELLE, 0000
CHARLES R. BULL JR., 0000
JAMES E. CARSTEN, 0000
SUSAN D. CHACON, 0000
CHRISTINE A. CHAMBERS, 0000
ROSEANNA A. CHANDLER, 0000
CARMEN D. CHRISTIAN, 0000
CYNTHIA K. CHRISTIAN, 0000
WANDA A. CORNELIUS, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. CORVO, 0000
CHRISTOPHER D. COURTLEY, 0000
WILLIAM C. COZZA, 0000
JOHN M. DANIELS, 0000
WILLIE P. DANIELS, 0000
WILLIAM C. DEATON, 0000
EVELLYN DECAAL, 0000
PHILIP M. DECKER, 0000
JOYCE M. DOYLE, 0000
DWAYNE D. DUCOMMUN, 0000
JUNIUS DURAL JR., 0000
JOHN E. ECKENRODE, 0000
THOMAS C. ENGLAND, 0000
RUEL G. ENRIQUEZ, 0000
BENEDICT H. EU, 0000
EDWARD J. FIORENTINO, 0000
DAMIAN D. FLATT, 0000
MICHAEL T. FLEETWOOD, 0000
ALFONSO FLORES, 0000
BEN T. FOSTER, 0000
NATHAN T. FRANCIS, 0000
DON S. FURUKAWA, 0000
PETER D. GALINDEZ, 0000
KENDRA LEE K. GASTRIGHT, 0000
ALLEN COLLEEN M. GLASER, 0000
TODD S. GLASSER, 0000
DEBORAH L. GOODWIN, 0000
CHARLES E. GREENERT, 0000
ELIZABETH L. GREENWOOD, 0000
JAMES E. GRIMES, 0000
MARC F. GUARIN, 0000
AMBERLY M. HALL, 0000
ISTVAN HARGITAI, 0000
FREDDIE R. HARMON, 0000
JOHN A. HELTON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER H. HERR, 0000
MARK C. HOLLEY, 0000
MARY M. HUPP, 0000
STEPHEN B. JACKSON, 0000
PATRICK E. JANKOWSKI, 0000
SANDRA K. JOHNSON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER L. JONES, 0000
ELISABETH B. JONES, 0000
LAUREN E. JONES, 0000
SHARI F. JONES, 0000
TIMOTHY F. KEETON, 0000
TERESA L. KIESSLING, 0000
ERIN C. KOON, 0000
VENNESSA LAKE, 0000
TIMOTHY G. LAMB, 0000
LUCIAN C. LAURIE, JR., 0000
RANDALL K. LIMBERG II, 0000
JAMES A. LINK, 0000
STEVEN L. LOBERG, 0000
JAMES M. LUCCI, 0000
PETER M. LUNDBLAD, 0000
ANGELA R. MACON, 0000
STEVEN R. MARSHALL, 0000
CHRISTOPHER A. MARTINO, 0000
ROBERT F. MASSARO, 0000
CHARLES G. MCKINNEY, 0000
JON A. MELLIS, 0000
DENNIS I. MILLS, 0000
MARK S. MORRELL, 0000
THOMAS M. MOSKAL, 0000
CHRISTOPHER T. MURPHY, 0000
DORIS J. NEDVED, 0000
JUANITA NEIL, 0000
JOSEPH H. NEUHEISEL, 0000
GREGORY G. NEZAT, 0000

ERIK R. NILSSON, 0000
KEVIN M. NORTON, 0000
CATHERINE L. O'CONNOR, 0000
CRAIG R. OLSON, 0000
LISA A. OSBORNE, 0000
NORMAN C. OWEN, 0000
JACQUELINE R. PALAISA, 0000
IMELDA L. PAREDES, 0000
ANANT R. PATEL, 0000
JEFFREY M. PAUL, 0000
JOHN C. PROFERA, 0000
VANE A. RHEAD, 0000
RONALD RIOS, 0000
WILMA J. ROBERTS, 0000
JON P. RODGERS, 0000
CHRISTOPHER ROPER, 0000
THOMAS D. RUTLEDGE, 0000
RODNEY L. SANDERS, 0000
DAVID R. SAUVE, 0000
THOMAS SCHLATER, 0000
MICHAEL S. SEATON, 0000
WANDA L. SELLERS, 0000
REDENTOR P. SESE, 0000
ERIC J. SIMON, 0000
JAMES A. SINCLAIR, 0000
NATHAN D. SNIPES, 0000
RHONDA K. STELL, 0000
LENWOOD P. STEWARD, 0000
ROBERT W. STOVER, 0000
JOHN R. SUDDUTH, 0000
JON M. TAYLOR, 0000
JOHN B. THEISZ, 0000
MICHAEL VECERKAUSKAS, 0000
DOUGLAS S. VELVEL, 0000
TODD A. WANACK, 0000
JAMES R. WATTS, 0000
MARK D. WEAVER, 0000
BRUCE J. WEBB, 0000
JERRY P. WEBB, 0000
GLORIA A. WHITMIRE, 0000
WAYNE R. WILCOX, JR., 0000
ROBERT R. WILLIAMS, 0000
LELITIA D. WOOTSON, 0000
KATHERINE A. ZECH, 0000

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

DOUGLAS J. ARNOLD, 0000
HEATHER E. BALDWIN, 0000
PAUL V. BANDINI, 0000
MICHAEL R. BENSCH, 0000
DAVID S. BRINSON, 0000
MARK J. BROWNFIELD, 0000
LENN E. CARON, 0000
NOEL W. COLON, 0000
BRENNAN C. CONWAY, 0000
CHRISTOPHER C. CRONINGER, 0000
SEAN P. DALTON, 0000
JASON K. EDGINGTON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER A. FOTOS, 0000
GORDON J. GLOVER, 0000
JEAN A. GREGG, 0000
ALEX R. GRIEG, 0000
ERIKA D. HARDING, 0000
DAMON B. HEEMSTRA, 0000
KHARY W. HEMBREE, 0000
SCOTT HERMON, 0000
FERDINAND C. HERRERA, 0000
BRETT D. INGLE, 0000
BARRY L. JAMES, JR., 0000
SHERRI L. LANEJOHNSON, 0000
RUSSELL G. LAWRENCE, 0000
JEFFREY D. LENGKEEK, 0000
SANTO MCADOO, 0000
MICHAEL D. MCCORKLE, 0000
SAUL MONTES, 0000
BRENDAN G. MURPHY, 0000
RYAN L. NATIONS, 0000
MICHAEL K. OBEIRNE, 0000
RACHEL A. PERRY, 0000
JASON M. PICARD, 0000
KATHRYN L. PINEDA, 0000
ROGER L. PIRKOLA, 0000
RUSSELL C. RANG, 0000
LARA A. RHODES, 0000
LUIS RIOSECO, JR., 0000
THOMAS F. ROBBINS, 0000
JAMES M. ROBERTSON, 0000
LAURIE SCOTT, 0000
JOSEPH D. SEARS, 0000
LEONARD W. SIMMONS, 0000
PRUDENCE Y. SLOWE, 0000
SCOTT M. SMALL, 0000
SEAN G. SMITH, 0000
ROBERT W. SPEIGHT, 0000
SUSAN B. SPERLIK, 0000
FRANCIS J. STAVISH, 0000
DUDE L. UNDERWOOD, 0000
LANA L. VANVOORHEES, 0000
LYNN D. VAUGHN, JR., 0000
DONALD R. VOELBEL, 0000
LETTITIA R. WHITE, 0000
JAMES WHYTE IV, 0000
RONALD A. WOODALL, 0000

To be ensign

JAMES S. CARMICHAEL, 0000