

In 1949, President Truman went on to say that the Washington Treaty was a very simple document, but one that might have prevented two world wars had it been in existence in 1914 or 1939. Protecting Western Europe, he opined, was an important step toward creating peace in the world. And he predicted that the positive impact of NATO would be felt beyond its borders and throughout the World.

Those words strike me as prescient today. Truman was right. NATO prevented war in Europe for 50 years. It is now in the process of making all of Europe safe and secure and of building a new relationship with Russia. That, in itself, is a remarkable accomplishment. But if NATO does not help tackle the most pressing security threat to our countries today—a threat I believe is existential because it involves the threat of weapons of mass destruction—it will cease to be the premier alliance it has been and will become increasingly marginal.

That is why NATO's agenda for Prague has to be both broadened—and integrated. While NATO enlargement and deepened NATO-Russia cooperation will be central to the summit's agenda, they must now be complemented by a plan to translate the fighting of terrorism into one of NATO's central military missions. NATO enlargement and NATO-Russia cooperation should be pursued in a way that strengthens, not weakens, that agenda. This means that new members must be willing and able to sign up to new NATO requirements in this area, and that the new NATO-Russia Council must be structured in a way that strongly supports the Alliance in undertaking such new military tasks.

To leave NATO focused solely on defending the peace in Europe from the old threats would be to reduce it to sort of a housekeeping role in an increasingly secure continent. To do so at a time when we face a new existential threat posed by terrorism and weapons of mass destruction will condemn it to a marginal role in meeting the major challenge of our time.

That is why this issue has to be front and center on NATO's agenda before, during and after Prague. The reality is that we can launch the next round of NATO enlargement as well as a new NATO-Russia relationship at Prague, and the Alliance can still be seen as failing—that's right, failing—unless it starts to transform itself into an important new force in the war on terrorism.

I plan to work with the Bush administration in the months and years ahead in an effort to promote such a transformation of the Alliance and hope that Allied governments as well as Members of Congress and the members of the legislatures we represent will strongly, enthusiastically join me in this effort.

I yield the floor.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: 470, 567, 569, 618, 619, 620, 622, 623, 625 through 633, 635, 636, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 648, 649, 652 through 657, 659, 660, 661, and the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk, that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Thomas M. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management). (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Rebecca W. Watson, of Montana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

William R. Brownfield, of Texas, 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 and Chile.

John V. Hanford III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ministry, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

James David McGee, 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 Kingdom of Swaziland.

Kenneth P. Moorefield, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Kenneth P. Moorefield, of Florida, 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 the Gabonese Republic.

John D. Ong, of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Norway.

Earl Norfleet Phillips, Jr., of North Carolina, 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 of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

John Price, of Utah, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Charles S. Shapiro, of Georgia, 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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Frederick W. Schieck, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Roger P. Winter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

PEACE CORPS

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Josephine K. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

David Preston York, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Michael A. Battle, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for a term of four years.

Dwight MacKay, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Joan E. Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

James B. Lockhart, III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term of six years.

Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Everet Beckner, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1245 Foreign Service nominations (127) beginning Patrick C. Hughes, and ending Mason Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2001.

PN1246 Foreign Service nominations (159) beginning Kathleen T. Albert, FL, and ending Sunghwan Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2001.

PN1141-1 Foreign Service nominations (149) beginning Shaun Edward Donnelly, and ending Charles R. Wills, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2001.

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL SMITH

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to stand before the Senate today to wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Mike Smith to be the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy.

Mike is a red-white-and-blue American. He has an outstanding pedigree including the good common sense to come from the great State of Oklahoma. In fact, in his own words, "I was born and raised in the middle of the Oklahoma City Field and attended the only high school in the Nation with a producing oil well in the middle of the front sidewalk."

Mike then proudly donned the crimson and cream of the University of Oklahoma for 7 years while earning his undergraduate and law degrees.

Immediately thereafter, he patriotically donned Army green during the Vietnam war.

As an attorney he has represented oil and gas workers, drilling contractors, service companies, exploration firms, independents, and, ultimately, larger operators.

He knows business, too, having run a small, independent oil and gas company in central and western Oklahoma. He has served on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and been its president.

Moreover, Mike Smith brings to the Department of Energy an excellent background in government service. He served on the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, a State agency, providing environmental cleanup and public education, voluntarily funded by our State's producers and royalty owners.

Mike served under the sky blue and buckskin tan flag of Oklahoma when Gov. Frank Keating appointed him to be Oklahoma's Secretary of Energy. In that capacity Mike served my State as its official representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, the Southern States Energy Board, and the Governors' Ethanol Coalition.

President Bush has assembled a banner group to assist him in running the Department of Energy, beginning with my friend and former colleague, Secretary Spence Abraham. Mike Smith is of the highest caliber and another true-blue selection by President Bush.

I am proud of my fellow Oklahoman. I am excited to work closely with him to develop our national energy policy, particularly to ensure adequate supplies of affordable and clean energy.

America's energy strengths derive from the rich natural bounty of our coal, our natural gas, and our oil, as well as from our blessed human ingenuity fostered by America's free market.

I am proud to testify to my fellow Americans that America's energy strengths will be handled with flying colors by the ingenuity of Oklahoman Mike Smith. •

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as the majority leader indicated earlier today, we have confirmed, I believe, 43 nominations including action on today's 2 judges. That is really a good piece of work for the week.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

NOMINATION OF EDWARD KINGMAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Edward Kingman to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury and his nomination to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Treasury; that the nomination be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD; and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nomination was considered and confirmed.

NOMINATIONS OF SAMUEL T. MOK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; JACK MARTIN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; ANDREA G. BARTHWELL, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DEMAND REDUCTION AT THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY; AND EVE SLATER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Health Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Samuel T. Mok to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Labor; Jack Martin to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Education; Andrea G. Barthwell to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Eve Slater to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 3 p.m. on Monday, January 28; that following the prayer and pledge 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 resume consideration of H.R. 622.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. Any rollcall votes will occur on Tuesday. That time will be established on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the