

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SENATOR BILL FRIST, MAJORITY LEADER, FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2004

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Julia Hart:									
Australia	Dollar		1,242.00						1,242.00
New Zealand	Dollar		971.00						971.00
Steve Biegun:									
Germany	Euro		808.00						808.00
Total			3,021.00						3,021.00

BILL FRIST,
Majority Leader, Apr. 26, 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 659, 660, 661, 662, 664, 665, 667, 669, 672, 673, 674, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, and 686.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, 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 State of Eritrea.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, 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 of Cote d'Ivoire.

Craig A. Kelly, of California, 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 of Chile.

Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, 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 Republic of Slovenia.

Marc McGowan Wall, of Virginia, 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 of Chad.

John Campbell, of Virginia, 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, 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 Serbia and Montenegro.

John M. Ordway, of California, 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 of Kazakhstan.

Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, 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 of Sierra Leone.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, 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 Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, 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 United Arab Emirates.

Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, 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 Republic of Yemen.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, 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 of Korea.

Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, 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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, 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 Republic of Lebanon.

Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, 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 Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Richard LeBaron, of Virginia, 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 State of Kuwait.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO INVESTMENT TREATY WITH ROMANIA

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL AMENDING INVESTMENT TREATY WITH BULGARIA

INVESTMENT PROTOCOL WITH ESTONIA

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PROTOCOL WITH THE CZECH REPUBLIC

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PROTOCOL WITH THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PROTOCOL WITH LATVIA

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PROTOCOL WITH LITHUANIA

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH POLAND

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following treaties on today's Executive Calendar: Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be treated as having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; further, that any committee provisions, declarations, and understandings be agreed to, that any statements be printed in the RECORD, and that 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 on, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be notified of the Senate's action, and following the disposition of the treaties, the Senate return to legislative session.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask for a division vote on the resolutions of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division is requested. Senators in favor of the resolutions of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

All those opposed to ratification, please rise and stand until counted.

On a division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification are agreed to.

The resolutions of ratification agreed to are as follows:

[Treaty Doc. 108-13 Additional Protocol to Investment Treaty With Romania]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-13).

[Treaty Doc. 108-15 Additional Protocol Amending Investment Treaty With Bulgaria]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of September 23, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-15).

[Treaty Doc. 108-17 Investment Protocol With Estonia (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of April 19, 1994, signed at Brussels on October 24, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-17).

[Treaty Doc. 108-18 Additional Investment Protocol With the Czech Republic (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on December 10, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-18).

[Treaty Doc. 108-19 Additional Investment Protocol With the Slovak Republic (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Slovak Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-19).

[Treaty Doc. 108-20 Additional Investment Protocol With the Latvia (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Gov-

ernment of the Republic of Latvia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 13, 1995, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-20).

[Treaty Doc. 108-21 Additional Investment Protocol With Lithuania (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 14, 1998, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-21).

[Treaty Doc. 108-22 Additional Protocol Concerning Business and Economic Relations With Poland (Exec. Rept. No. 108-13)]

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland Concerning Business and Economic Relations of March 21, 1990, signed at Brussels on January 12, 2004 (T. Doc. 108-22).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4227 AND H.R. 2771

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 4227 and H.R. 2771 are at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4227) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation.

A bill (H.R. 2771) to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading en bloc and, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bills will be read a second time on the next legislative day.

PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 492, S. 2092.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2092) to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in *italic*.)

S. 2092

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

[SECTION 1. CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.]

[(a) FINDINGS.—*Congress makes the following findings:*

[(1) Good health is important to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health.

[(2) Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially today with the great potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, and malaria.

[(3) Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is greater than that of ¾ of the member states already in the World Health Organization (WHO).

[(4) Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including—

[(A) attaining—

[(i) 1 of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; and

[(ii) maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries;

[(B) eradicating such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, the plague, and polio; and

[(C) providing children with hepatitis B vaccinations.

[(5) The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its counterpart agencies in Taiwan have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues.

[(6) In recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the WHO.

[(7) On January 14, 2001, an earthquake, registering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese Government sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 individuals specializing in firefighting, medicine, and civil engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the Salvadoran Government.

[(8) The World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in the activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950's.

[(9) The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations.

[(10) Public Law 106-137 required the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress on efforts by the executive branch to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the WHO.

[(11) In light of all benefits that Taiwan's participation in the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, Taiwan and its 23,500,000 people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO.

[(12) On May 11, 2001, President Bush stated in a letter to Senator Murkowski that the