

GEN Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, and his wife Beccy for their lifetime of service and unfaltering dedication to the U.S. Air Force and our great country.

As both an airman and leader, spanning 37 years of military service, General Lord's contributions to our Nation's strategic deterrence and space missions were critical to the warfighter, global economy, and the safety of our families. General Lord's leadership was an essential element in winning the Cold War and vital to Air Force Space Command's support of combat operations around the world to include Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and the global war on terrorism.

General Lord prepared for his illustrious Air Force career by graduating from Otterbein College and its Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1968. In January of 1969, General Lord was introduced to the Air Force through Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, ICBM, operational readiness and combat crew missile training. This training led to his first assignment to North Dakota as a Minuteman II combat crewmember. General Lord's Air Force journey would take him and Beccy through a series of Air Staff and Department of Defense assignments relating to space and strategic and tactical missile systems. He was assigned as the military assistant to the director of Net Assessment and directed the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile Program in Europe. He served as the commander of the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron in Montana, vice commander of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing in Missouri, and later commanded two ICBM wings in Wyoming and North Dakota. In California, General Lord commanded the 30th Space Wing responsible for satellite launch and ballistic missile test launch operations. Leading professional development and educational programs was a hallmark of General Lord's career. He led Air Force's education and training programs as commandant of Squadron Officer School, commander of Second Air Force in Mississippi, and commander of Air University in Alabama. Prior to assuming his current position, General Lord served as the assistant vice chief of staff for Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

During General Lord's tenure as commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 service men and women responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning, space launch, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. General Lord guided the command to a number of historic firsts: 44 successful consecutive operational space launches, establishment of National Security Space Institute, the launch of the last Titan IV, and transition to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, deactivation of the Peacekeeper ICBM weapon sys-

tem, and the establishment of the quarterly High Frontier, Air Force Space Command's first scholarly space and missile journal. General Lord has been a stellar Air Force advocate for the creation of the Space Power Caucus, orchestrated the "50 Years of Air Force Space and Missiles" celebration, and developed the Space Professional Development Strategy. Most recently, he answered the President's call to service with the creation of the High Frontier Adventures, a program designed to inspire students to explore space, mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

General Lord's impeccable service is characterized by his Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III, and Peacekeeper ICBMs, and the Atlas E, Delta II, Titan II, and Titan IV Boosters. General Lord is the recipient of numerous prestigious recognitions: Space Champion Award, General Bernard A. Schriever Award, General Jimmy Doolittle Fellow Award, General James V. Hartinger Award, and the General Thomas D. White Space Trophy.

Today, I have mentioned but a few of GEN Lance W. Lord's many achievements. General Lord is a visionary, steadfast military leader, and honorable man. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to him and his wife Beccy and their two sons, Jason and Joshua, for the years they have dedicated to our country and to the betterment of the U.S. Armed Forces. As a distinguished space pioneer, General Lord widely proclaimed the mandate, "If you're not in space, you're not in the race." General Lord, we wish you well.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1259. An act to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

H.R. 4911. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 30, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2116. An act to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court.

S. 2120. An act to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain nonfederally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6186. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for Requesting Waiver of Mandatory Separation Age for Certain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Controllers" (RIN2120-AI18) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6187. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Flight Rules Area and Flight Free Zones" (RIN2120-AI71) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6188. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Port Isabel, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 04-274) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6189. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cuba and Knoxville, Illinois)" (MB Docket No. 05-118) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6190. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lancaster, Pickerington, and Westerville, Ohio)" (MB Docket No. 03-238) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6191. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Old Forge and Black River, New York)" (MB Docket No. 05-279) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6192. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Matagorda, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 04-215) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6193. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Otter Creek, Florida)" (MB Docket No. 05-54) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6194. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tomahawk, Wisconsin; Waynoka, Oklahoma; Wasco, California; Richland Springs, Texas; and Hermitage, Arkansas)" (MB Docket Nos. 04-202, 04-271, 04-272, 04-273, and 04-431) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6195. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Coupeville and Sequim, Washington)" (MB Docket No. 04-280) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6196. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (New Harmony, IN and West Salem, IL)" (MB Docket No. 04-341) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6197. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Fernandina Beach and Yulee, Florida)" (MB Docket No. 05-240) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6198. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cuney, TX)" (MB Docket No. 05-33) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6199. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Bend and Prineville, Oregon)" (MB Docket

No. 03-78) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6200. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Bairoil and Sinclair, Wyoming)" (MB Docket No. 05-117) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6201. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Harrisonburg, Louisiana; Mecca, California; Taos, New Mexico; San Joaquin, California; and Rosepine, Louisiana)" (MB Docket Nos. 04-266, 04-267, 04-268, 04-269, and 04-270) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6202. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Grand Portage, Minnesota)" (MB Docket No. 04-432) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6203. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Okeene, Oklahoma)" (MB Docket No. 05-296) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6204. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (27); Amdt. No. 3150" (RIN2120-AA65) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6205. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (18); Amdt. No. 3151" (RIN2120-AA65) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6206. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (44); Amdt. No. 3153" (RIN2120-AA65) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6207. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (42); Amdt. No. 3154" (RIN2120-AA65) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6208. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Big Delta, Allen Army Airfield, Ft. Greely, AK" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-AAL-18) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6209. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Koliganek, AK" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-AAL-30) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6210. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of High Altitude Area Navigation Routes; South Central United States" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-ASO-7) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6211. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Gothenburg, Quinn Field, NE" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 06-ACE-1) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6212. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Minneapolis Class B Airspace; MN" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 03-AWA-6) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6213. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-100 and DG-400 Sailplanes and DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Models DG-500 Elan Series and DF-500M Sailplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-44) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6214. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, DC-10-30F (KC-10A and KDC-10), DC-10-40, DC-10-40F, MD-10-10F, MD-10-30F, MD-11, and MD-11F Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-178) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6215. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce plc RB211 Trent 553-61, 553A2-61, 556-61, 556A2-61, 556B-61, 556B2-61, 560-61, and 560A2-61 Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NE-41) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6216. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-052) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6217. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model HS 748 Airplanes"

(RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NM-141) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6218. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH.125, HS.125, and BH.125 Series Airplanes; Model BAe.125 Series 800A, 800B, 1000A, and 1000B Airplanes; and Model Hawker 800 and 1000 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-017) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6219. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120, -120ER, -120FC, 120QC, and -120RT Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-191) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6220. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11, CL-600-2A12, and CL-600-2B16 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-157) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6221. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2003-NM-168) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6222. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-197) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6223. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model Hawker 800XP Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-188) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6224. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-203, -204, and -222 Airplanes, and Model A310-300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-143) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6225. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 1B, 1D, 1D1, and 1S1 Turboshaft Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NE-09) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6226. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-161) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6227. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 390 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-51) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6228. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Atlantic highly migratory species for 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6229. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and the discontinuation of service in the acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs), received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6230. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6231. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank’s Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 65. A bill to amend the age restrictions for pilots (Rept. No. 109-225).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 829. A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

S. 1768. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 108-7 Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Ex. Rept. 109-13)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

TEXT OF RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Understandings and Declaration

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the “Protocol of 1997”), signed by the United States on December 22, 1998 (T. Doc 108-7), subject to the understandings and declaration in sections 2 and 3.

Section 2. Understandings

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understandings, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

(1) The United States of America understands that the Protocol of 1997 does not, as a matter of international law, prohibit Parties from imposing, as a condition of entry into their ports or internal waters, more stringent emission standards or fuel oil requirements than those identified in the Protocol.

(2) The United States of America understands that Regulation 15 applies only to safety aspects associated with the operation of vapor emission control systems that may be applied during cargo transfer operations between a tanker and port-side facilities and to the requirements specified in Regulation 15 for notification to the International Maritime Organization of port State regulation of such systems.

Section 3. Declaration

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

The United States of America notes that at the time of adoption of the Protocol of 1997, the NO_x emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 were those agreed as being achievable by January 1, 2000, on new marine diesel engines, and further notes that Regulation 13(b) contemplated that new technology would become available to reduce on-board NO_x emissions below those limits. As such improved technology is now available, the United States expresses its support for an amendment to Annex VI, that would, on an urgent basis, revise the agreed NO_x emission control limits contained in Regulation 13 in keeping with new technological developments.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Gray Hampton Miller, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first