

110-20: Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Albania and Croatia.

VII. RESOLUTIONS OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration and a condition.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania, adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States of America (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-20), subject to the declaration of section 2 and the condition of section 3.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

(a) Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty provides that Parties may, by unanimous agreement, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty, and thus become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO").

(b) The Bucharest Summit Declaration, issued by the Heads of States and Governments participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Bucharest on April 3, 2008, states that NATO welcomes Ukraine's and Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations for membership in NATO. The Bucharest Summit Declaration additionally states that it was "agreed today that these countries will become members of NATO."

(c) The Senate declares that it is important that NATO keep its door open to all European democracies willing and able to assume the responsibilities and obligations of membership.

Section 3. Condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following condition:

Presidential certification

Prior to the deposit of the instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to the Senate as follows:

1. The inclusion of the Republic of Albania in NATO will not have the effect of increasing the overall percentage share of the United States in the common budgets of NATO; and

2. The inclusion of the Republic of Albania in NATO does not detract from the ability of the United States to meet or to fund its military requirements outside the North Atlantic area.

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Croatia

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration and a condition.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Croatia, adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States of America (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-20), subject to the declaration of section 2 and the condition of section 3.

Section 2. Declaration.

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agreement, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede to the North Atlantic Treaty, and thus become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO").

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(c) The Senate declares that it is important that NATO keep its door open to all European democracies willing and able to assume the responsibilities and obligations of membership.

Section 3. Condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following condition:

108-5: Amendments to Constitution and Convention of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva, 1992).

VIII. RESOLUTIONS OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION

1998 Amendments to the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to reservations and declarations.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994), signed by the United States at Minneapolis on November 6, 1998, as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998) (the "1998 Final Acts") (Treaty Doc. 108-5), subject to declarations and reservations Nos. 90 (second paragraph), 90 (third paragraph), 101, 102, and 111 of the 1998 Final Acts and the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

This Treaty is not self-executing.

109-11: Amendments to the Constitution and Convention.

2002 Amendments to the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to reservations and declarations.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998), signed by the United States at Marrakesh on October 18, 2002, as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh 2002) (the "2002 Final Acts") (Treaty Doc. 109-11), subject to declarations and reservations Nos. 70 (second paragraph), 70 (third paragraph), 71, 79, 80, and 101 of the 2002 Final Acts and the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

This Treaty is not self-executing.

110-16: Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992).

2006 Amendments to the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union

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

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to reservations and declarations.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994), the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998), and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh 2002), signed by the United States at Antalya on November 24, 2006, as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya 2006) (the "2006 Final Acts") (Treaty Doc. 110-16), subject to declarations and reservations Nos. 70(1) (second paragraph), 70(1) (third paragraph), 70(2), 104, and 106 of the 2006 Final Acts and the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

This Treaty is not self-executing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2292. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-481).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 3999. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-482).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

H.R. 390. A bill to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 598. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to lead renewed international efforts to assist developing nations in conserving natural resources and preventing the impending extinction of a large portion of the world's plant and animal species.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1007. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic

relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2609. A bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3103. A bill to amend the Iran, North Korea, and Syria nonproliferation Act to allow certain extraordinary payments in connection with the International Space Station.

S. 3426. A bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents on Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

S. 3548. An original bill to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Matthew A. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

*Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

*Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

*Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

*C. Steven McGann, of New York, 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 the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Nominee: C. Steven McGann.

Post: Fiji.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: N/A.
2. Spouse: Bertra B. McGann: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: Bethany L. McGann: N/A.
Bradford W. McGann: N/A.
Benjamin V. S. McGann: N/A.
Leyland S. McGann: N/A.
4. Parents: Evangeline H. McGann, N/A; Clarence D. McGann—Whereabouts and activities unknown.

5. Grandparents: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Carol Ann Rodley, 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 Kingdom of Cambodia.

Nominee: Carol Rodley.

Post: Ambassador to Cambodia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: David Newhall: none.
3. Children and Spouses' Names: Alice Newhall: none; Steven Newhall: none; and Niles Lashway: none.
4. Parents' Names: James Rodley: none; and Claire Rodley: none.
5. Grandparents' Names: James Rodley (deceased); Lillian Rodley (deceased); Edmund Connor (deceased); and Evelyn Connor (deceased).

Brothers and Spouses' Names: James Rodley: none; Laura Rodley: none; John Rodley: none; Heather Clark: none; Edward Rodley: none; and Jennifer Hogue: none.

Sisters and Spouses' Names: Susana Rodley: none.

*Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks.

*Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

*Clifford D. May, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2009, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

*Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2010.

*Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the term expiring November 22, 2014.

By Mr. AKAKA for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY,

Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3538. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to suspend a prohibition on payments to certain farms with limited base acres for the 2008 and 2009 crop years, to extend the signup for direct payments and counter-cyclical payments for the 2008 crop year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3539. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3540. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3541. A bill to address the impending humanitarian crisis and potential security breakdown as a result of the mass influx of Iraqi refugees into neighboring countries, and the growing internally displaced population in Iraq, by increasing directed accountable assistance to these populations and their host countries, facilitating the resettlement of Iraqis at risk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 3542. A bill to require full and complete public disclosure of the terms of home mortgages held by Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 3543. A bill to improve the administration of the Minerals Management Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 3544. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3545. A bill to enhance after-school programs in rural areas of the United States by establishing a pilot program to help communities establish and improve rural after-school programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 3546. A bill to establish the National Center for Strategic Communication to advise the President regarding public diplomacy and international broadcasting to promote democracy and human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3547. A bill to establish in the Federal Bureau of Investigation the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Coordinator to address mortgage fraud in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.