

After considering the recommendations of the Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power and the advice of the Secretary of Defense, I have decided that the \$331 million authorized and appropriated for B-2 bombers in Fiscal year 1998 will be applied as follows: \$174 million will be applied toward completing the planned Fiscal Year 1998 baseline modification and repair program and \$157 million will be applied toward further upgrades to improve the deployability, survivability, and maintainability of the current B-2 fleet. Using the funds in this manner will ensure successful completion of the baseline modification and repair program and further enhance the operational combat readiness of the B-2 fleet.

The Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power also provided several far-reaching recommendations for fully exploiting the potential of the current B-1, B-2, and B-52 bomber force, and for upgrading and sustaining the bomber force for the longer term. These longer term recommendations warrant careful review as the Department of Defense prepares its Fiscal Year 2000-2006 Future Years Defense Program.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 31, 1998.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, has announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 34. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office.

H.R. 2186. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming.

H.R. 2786. An act to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran.

H.R. 3113. An act to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 3301. An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

H.R. 3582. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the reporting of information to the Federal Election Commission, to expand the type of information required to be reported to the Commission, to provide the effective enforcement of campaign laws by the Commission, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the

exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, has announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3579. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 34. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2186. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2786. An act to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3113. An act to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3582. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the reporting of information to the Federal Election Commission, to expand the type of information required to be reported to the Commission, to provide the effective enforcement of campaign laws by the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4458. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4459. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Prison Industries, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4460. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Drug Testing, Intervention and Trafficking Reduction Within Prisons Act of 1998"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4461. A communication from the Chairman of Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4462. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4463. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4464. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4465. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Ruling 98:20 received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4466. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 98:27 received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4467. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules received on March 26, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4468. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emission Standards for Locomotives and Locomotive Engines"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4469. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of twelve notices of proposed issuances of export licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Memorandum of Justification relative to the Government of Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4471. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of voting practices at the United Nations for the calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4472. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4473. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the U.S. Government voluntary contributions to international organizations for the period April 1 through September 30, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4474. A communication from the Comptroller of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the AV-8B aircraft programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4475. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement (Acquisition and Technology), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4476. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement (Acquisition and Technology), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4477. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement (Acquisition and Technology), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4478. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report relative to members of the reserve components; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4479. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Vessel War-Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4480. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of property transfer; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4481. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DOD Grant and Agreement Regulations" received on March 25, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4482. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Pension Plans for Professional Boxers"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4483. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4484. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4485. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4486. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4487. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recreational Fishing, Shenandoah National Park" (RIN1024-AC33) received on March 30, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4488. A communication from the Acting Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4489. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of nine rules received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4490. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of forty-four rules received on March 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4491. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4492. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4493. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4494. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4495. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4496. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4497. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated on October 1, 1997:

POM-231. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee relative to the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-232. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida relative to the HABDI Project; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-233. A resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Freehold, New Jersey relative to ocean dumping; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-234. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of El Segundo, California relative to truck trailers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Alaska) relative to the Tustumena Lake Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Enhancement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-236. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Kanai, Alaska relative

to the Tustumena Lake Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Enhancement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Dade League of Cities relative to coastal beach erosion; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-238. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois relative to proposed stronger air quality standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-239. A resolution adopted by the City of Brooksville, Florida relative to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-240. A resolution adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Willowbrook, DuPage County, Illinois relative to proposed stronger air quality standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-241. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, California relative to military; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1883. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1884. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to remove the prohibition on agricultural trade options outside contract markets; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1885. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a medical innovation tax credit for clinical testing research expenses attributable to academic medical centers and other qualified hospital research organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 1886. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BUMPERS):

S. 1887. A bill to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and to extend the ban on transferring such devices to those that were manufactured before the ban became law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1888. A bill to establish a moratorium on exactions that would interfere with the flow of commerce via the Internet, to establish a commission to develop a uniform set of definitions and principles for State and local jurisdictions to utilize regarding regulation