

heroic sacrifices on behalf of their country, and who are doing so at great personal risk. Often during the course of their responsibilities, they are exposed to the rest of their surroundings, standing at station, and are targets as they guard public and private property and other locations and highways throughout that country.

Since the takeover of the country militarily by U.S. forces, they have had to become more stationary. The point which should have been the end, or close to it, but which is really barely the beginning, American soldiers every single day are being attacked, wounded, maimed, and murdered. It has occurred while they are waiting for the rest of these other operations to get started and start getting the necessary results. Every day that those other operations aren't accomplishing what they must, aren't getting the resources they need, aren't being given the priorities they should be given, for every one of those additional days American troops must remain in Iraq. American troops are likely to die in Iraq.

It is our responsibility to get the rest of that job done—to get their government elected and in charge of the country, restore domestic law and order, train the Iraqi police force so they can maintain that, get the society functioning—once again, a lot of which has been accomplished. And much has been accomplished. It is important to acknowledge that. Hospitals have reopened. They now need to be supplied with the tools and be rehabilitated. An economy that is producing again—producing jobs, producing wealth, producing resources—can bring Iraq back into the civilized world.

A genuine international sharing must be achieved. The ongoing costs of responsibilities and risks are still going to be required during this transition until Iraq can take care of itself.

For those things to occur with other nations of the world, the United States must offer to provide a genuine sharing of control of postwar Iraq. It means the Bush administration doesn't make all of the decisions. It means their corporate cronies don't get all of the contracts and the profits. It means their colleagues in the majority caucus in the Senate should not get the only military transport escort to tour that country to assess the situation and to support our troops.

In fact, I would respectfully urge the President and the Vice President especially to use the passage of this impor-

tant supplemental today by both the House and the Senate to mark the beginning of a new chapter in undertaking to restore our conduct before the world, the dignity, the civility, and integrity which our great Nation deserves and upon which it has built its reputation and its leadership position in the world.

I urge especially the Vice President to stop attacking the United Nations which was founded over half a century ago by American leaders of both political parties. It has been nurtured, guided, supported, and strengthened during that time as the best hope of the human race, to keep all nations of the world striving together for the peaceful resolution of our differences and the prevention of the next world war, which most believe will be the last world war. Through that diplomatic effort, working through the differences and the difficulties and all the barriers and obstacles that remain among the human race, it has succeeded in preventing that kind of holocaust for the last half century. It has prevented the scourge. It has been successful in discouraging other nations from launching preemptive military strikes against other countries and provoking additional conflict and conflagration that always threaten and risk escalation and annihilation.

Other nations of the world have been harangued and denounced for not agreeing with the decisions that were made by this Nation's Government. I urge a new spirit of genuine cooperation, partnership, recognition of their legal and moral autonomy as they also decide whether to commit their own resources, their own citizens, the lives of their young men and women to the undertakings which we believe are important but we have no right to compel other nations to adopt.

Whether we felt one way or the other, viewed the situation one way or the other a year ago, the facts are, clearly, today we are committed to a country with 138,000 of our men and women who are risking their lives and demonstrating courage and patriotism to sustain that operation. We owe it to them. We owe it to the world and to ourselves and to future generations to now complete this undertaking in the ways that bring out the best of America, that showcase the best of America for the world. That is where our ultimate national security is going to derive, from continued military pre-eminence, absolutely. That in and of

itself is not enough, as we learned on September 11. We need allies, friends, eyes, ears, intelligence all over the world. We need to establish in the eyes of nations that now misunderstand us and our way of life; we need to showcase as we have been doing the last 2 years in Afghanistan and as we must do now over the next 2 years in Iraq and Afghanistan, what it is about our way of life, our economy, our technological know-how, our compassion, our generosity, what it is about all Americans that makes us a people who have so much to offer the rest of our fellow citizens throughout this planet.

I urge the President and the Vice President and the administration to demonstrate the best qualities of America. If they do so, I believe what comes out of this undertaking will be one that we will all be able to live with, better off than we were for many decades to come. Conversely, a failure to do so will have catastrophic consequences for decades to come.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2003, AT 1:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under a previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2003.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:52 p.m.; adjourned until Monday, October 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate October 17, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAMES B. COMEY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE LARRY D. THOMPSON, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 17, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PETER LICHTENBAUM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

HARVEY S. ROSEN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.
KRISTIN J. FORBES, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JULIE L. MYERS, OF KANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.