

my integrity. And I want you to understand that.

Senator THOMPSON. Thank you, Mr. Jordan.

If there is no further question, then this deposition is completed, and we stand adjourned.

The WITNESS. Thank you.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT CONCERNING A WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG ALLIANCE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 9

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to provide the attached report on a Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance in accordance with the provisions of section 2807 of the "Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998." This report underscores the Administration's commitment to enhancing multilateral counternarcotics cooperation in the region.

Strengthening international narcotics control is one of my Administration's top foreign policy priorities. Because of the transnational nature of the Western Hemisphere drug trafficking threat, we have made enhanced multilateral cooperation a central feature of our regional drug control strategy. Our counternarcotics diplomacy, foreign assistance, and operations have focused increasingly on making this objective a reality.

We are succeeding. Thanks to U.S. leadership in the Summit of the Americas, the Organization of American States, and other regional fora, the countries of the Western Hemisphere are taking the drug threat more seriously and responding more aggressively. South American cocaine organizations that were once regarded as among the largest and most violent crime syndicates in the world have been dismantled, and the level of coca cultivation is now plummeting as fast as it was once sky-rocketing. We are also currently working through the Organization of American States to cre-

ate a counternarcotics multilateral evaluation mechanism in the hemisphere. These examples reflect fundamental narcotics control progress that was nearly unimaginable a few years ago.

While much remains to be done, I am confident that the Administration and the Congress, working together, can bolster cooperation in the hemisphere, accelerate this progress, and significantly diminish the drug threat to the American people. I look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this critical area.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 23, 1999.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:24 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 350. An act to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes.

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-1864. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary's report on the retention of members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1865. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Independent Research and Development and Bid and Proposal Costs for Fiscal Year 1996 and Beyond" (Case 95-D040) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1866. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Deviations from Cost Accounting Standards Administration Requirements" (Case 97-D016) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1867. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Television-Audio Support Activity" (Case 98-D008) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1868. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement;

Specifications and Standards Requisition" (Case 98-D022) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1869. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Flexible Progress Payments" (Case 98-D400) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1870. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; People's Republic of China" (Case 98-D305) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1871. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Singapore Accession to Government Procurement Agreement" (Case 98-D029) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1872. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Individual Case Management" (RIN0720-AA30) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1873. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Policy and Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Accountability Report and Accountability Profiles for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools for School Year 1997-1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1874. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Delaware—Transportation Conformity Regulation" (FRL6303-4) received on February 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1875. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Emissions: Group I Polymers and Resins and Group IV Polymers and Resins and Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry" (FRL6301-6) received on February 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1876. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL6302-1) received on February 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1877. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection