

## REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 106-21

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following convention transmitted to the Senate on February 9, 2000, by the President of the United States: Rotterdam Convention concerning Hazardous Chemicals, and Pesticides in International Trade (Treaty Document No. 106-21).

I further ask that the convention be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, with Annexes, done at Rotterdam, September 10, 1998. The report of the Department of State is enclosed for the information of the Senate.

The Convention, which was negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Program and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, with the active participation of the United States, provides a significant and valuable international tool to promote sound risk-based decisionmaking in the trade of certain hazardous chemicals. Building on a successful voluntary procedure, the Convention requires Parties to exchange information about these chemicals, to communicate national decisions about their import, and to require that exports from their territories comply with the import decisions of other Parties.

The United States, with the assistance and cooperation of industry and nongovernmental organization, plays an important international leadership role in the safe management of hazardous chemicals and pesticides. This Convention, which assists developing countries in evaluating risks and enforcing their regulatory decisions regarding trade in such chemicals, advances and promotes U.S. objectives in this regard. All relevant Federal agencies support early ratification of the Convention for this reason, and we understand that the affected industries and interest groups share this view.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Convention and give its advice and consent to ratification, subject to the understanding described in the accom-

panying report of the Secretary of State.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 9, 2000.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 10, 2000, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 9, 2000:

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHRISTOPHER A. MCLEAN, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE WALLY B. BEYER.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN R. DINGER, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MONGOLIA.

DOUGLAS ALAN HARTWICK, OF WASHINGTON, 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 LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT HILL, OF RHODE ISLAND, 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 REPUBLIC OF POLAND.

DONNA JEAN HRINAK, 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 REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

JOHN MARTIN O'KEEFE, 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 KYRGYZ REPUBLIC.

MARY ANN PETERS, OF CALIFORNIA, 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 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH.

## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MARC RAGICOT, OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2004, VICE REATHA CLARK KING, RESIGNED.

ALAN D. SOLOMONT, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2004, VICE CAROL W. KINSLEY, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

KENT R. MARKUS, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE DAVID A. NELSON, RETIRED.

ROBERT J. CINDRICH, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE TIMOTHY K. LEWIS, RETIRED.

JOHN ANTOON II, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE G. KENDALL SHARP, RETIRED.

PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE AN ADDITIONAL POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 28 U.S.C. 133 (b) (1).

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUDREY G. FLEISSIG, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE EDWARD L. DOWD, JR., RESIGNED.

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

DANNY LEE McDONALD, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2005. (REAPPOINTMENT)

BRADLEY A. SMITH, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2005, VICE LEE ANN ELLIOTT, RESIGNED.

## IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

CAPT. TIMOTHY A. HOLDEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL H. STONE, 0000

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

JEFFREY S. MACINTIRE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (\*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

JOHN J. FITCH, 0000

*To be major*

TREVOR W. SHAW, 0000

\*TIMOTHY L. WATKINS

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

CHRISTOPHER F. AJINGA, 0000

WILLIAM T. AKANA, 0000

ROBERT D. ALLEN, 0000

SCOTT A. ALLEN, 0000

SCOTT T. ALLEN, 0000

DAVID A. ANDERSON, 0000

RICHARD A. ANDERSON, 0000

ROARKE L. ANDERSON, 0000

JOSEPH A. ANDY, 0000

DALE M. ATKINSON, 0000

PAUL K. AUGUSTINE, 0000

DAVID F. AUMULLER, 0000

MARK T. AYCOCK, 0000

JEFFREY T. BAILEY, 0000

FRANKLIN D. BAKER, 0000

ROBERT S. BAKER, 0000

ROSSER O. BAKER, JR., 0000

THOMAS W. BAKER, 0000

KEITH W. BASS, 0000

LUDOVIC M. BAUDOINDAJOUX, 0000

MITCHELL A. BAUMAN, 0000

PATRICK B. BEAGLE, 0000

MICHAEL F. BELCHER, 0000

JOEL H. BERRY III, 0000

CRAIG W. BEVAN, 0000

JAMES H. BISHOP, 0000

BENJAMIN S. BLANKENSHIP, 0000

FRANCIS P. BOTTORFF, 0000

PAUL R. BOUGHMAN, 0000

RICHARD D. BOYER, 0000

BENJAMIN R. BRADEN, 0000

CARTER H. BRANDENBURG, 0000

TERENCE P. BRENNAN, 0000

JAMES B. BRIGHT, 0000

MICHAEL G. BROIHIER, 0000

JOHN A. BROW, 0000

KIRK E. BRUNO, 0000

JOHN A. BRUSH, 0000

FREDRICK C. BRYAN, 0000

LANCE M. BRYANT, 0000

MARTIN C. BRYANT, 0000

SHAWN W. BURNS, 0000

KEVIN L. BYWATERS, 0000

WILLIAM P. CABRERA II, 0000

PAUL F. CALLAN, 0000

ROBERT F. CASTELLVI, 0000

ANTONIO J. CERRILLO, 0000

MARK S. CHANDLER, 0000

PHILLIP C. CHUDOBA, 0000

MATTHEW R. CICHINELLI, 0000

KEITH L. CIERI, 0000

JACK CIESLA, 0000

CHRIS A. COLEE, 0000

STEPHEN J. CONBOY, 0000

ALBERT T. CONORD, 0000

CHRISTOPHER R. COVER, 0000

JONATHAN D. COVINGTON, 0000

JOHN J. CRANE, 0000

JAMES T. CRAVENS, 0000

MARK J. CRAVENS, 0000

CRAIG C. CRENSHAW, 0000

JOSE G. CRISTY II, 0000

JON C. CUNNINGHAM, 0000

JOSEPH W. CURATOLA, 0000