

value has been overtaken by events, the use of well-established processes and procedures to judge the treaty compliance of BMDO program activities hardly seems radical or unusual. Indeed, it seems a modest and conservative approach.

Secretary Wolfowitz outlined for us several possible outcomes of these deliberations within the compliance review process. The nation may have moved beyond the ABM Treaty to a new strategic framework with Russia and the program will not be constrained by the treaty. The program activities in question might be deemed to be compliant with the treaty. Or on the other hand, the program activities might be deemed to be inconsistent with the treaty.

In the absence of an alternative framework, according to the Secretary, the Nation will be faced with an unpalatable choice—either we must alter the test program so that it is compliant with the treaty but is less efficient and more costly, or we must face the prospect of exercising our rights under article XV that allows the nation to withdraw from the treaty. Please note—and this cannot be stressed too much—in all of these cases, the United States will remain in compliance with our obligations under domestic and international law.

Thus, the suggestion that Senators should not agree to the BMDO budget because we don't have perfect visibility into the ABM Treaty compliance of Ballistic Missile Defense program activities strikes me as, at best, odd. It is inconsistent with past practice. It is inconsistent with established processes and procedures used throughout the Clinton administration and which the Bush administration intends to continue. And it is inconsistent with the simple fact that the United State will remain in compliance with our obligations under domestic and international law regardless of the conclusions of the established legal and political authorities regarding specific BMD test activities.

It does strike me as a path that indicates a desire for confrontation with the administration, not cooperation, and one that expresses philosophical opposition to missile defense rather than practical programmatic concerns. For the Congress to take the position that absolute adherence to the ABM Treaty is a prerequisite for approval of a BMDO budget would, in one stroke, undermine both tracks of the President's policy: to proceed with expedited development of missile defenses and to engage Russia in a constructive dialogue.

I urge all my colleagues to proceed in this matter in a calm, reasoned, and non-partisan manner that does not undermine the President or the flexibility to proceed in his discussions with Russia as he sees fit.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

REMEMBERING KOREY STRINGER

Mr. DAYTON. Madam President, I rise in sorrow this morning to pay tribute to a highly respected Minnesotan, Mr. Korey Stringer, an all-pro offensive tackle for the Minnesota Vikings who died early this morning.

Mr. Stringer collapsed yesterday afternoon after the Vikings practice. He died early this morning due to complications from heat stroke.

Korey Stringer joined the Vikings as a first-round draft pick out of Ohio State University. He has been our starting right tackle ever since. Last year, he was named for the first time to the all-pro team. Korey was more than an all-pro football player; he was an all-pro human being. He made Minnesota his year-round home, and he was one of the Vikings' most active community members.

He established his "Korey's crew" community service program at several local schools and libraries. He served as an outstanding leader, mentor, and role model for many Minnesota youngsters and adults.

Minnesota has lost one of our best citizens at the tragically early age of 27. Our hearts and our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Kelcie, his 3-year old son Kodie, and the rest of his family.

Korey, we will miss you. Rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BRIGITTE HANES

Mr. THURMOND. Madam President, I know that my colleagues are aware of the excellent services provided by the military liaison offices of the Senate. For many years military and civilian liaison officers have given invaluable assistance in the areas of constituent services, military issues, and fact-finding visits.

One of these liaison officers is Mrs. Brigitte Hanes. During the past nine years she has worked tirelessly solving the problems of soldiers and their families who have asked for help from their Senators.

The wife of an Army officer, Brigitte raised two daughters before embarking on her own career. First, she served on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Joint Forces in Korea. Then she was the Personal Affairs Coordinator for foreign military students at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Brigitte and her husband moved to Washington in 1991. It was December of that year that she went to work in the Army Senate Liaison Office.

She gained a reputation around the Senate as a very reliable person. Few people are more widely known and respected than Brigitte. She is known

throughout the Senate as an expert in dealing with a range of constituent issues relating to the Army and many other military matters.

When I needed to get something done I would call Brigitte. For example: she arranged for the shipment of a wheel chair from a Senator's office to the mayor of a town in Bosnia. In fact she delivered it to Andrews Air Force Base herself to start it on its way. She talked to a deserter and although he was afraid, she convinced him to turn himself in to Army authorities. She talked a soldier into boarding a plane for Korea. He had called his mother from the airport and told her he was not going to get on the plane. She called the Senator's aide who put in a conference call to Brigitte. She got two years incapacitation pay for a Reservist whose unit administrator had been unable to get it for him.

In addition to her vast casework load she organized and escorted Senate staffers on very informative orientation visits to military posts where they could see the Army at work.

She has been honored repeatedly by her superiors who recognized what a valuable resource they had in Brigitte.

We will miss her support in the Army Senate Liaison Office when she leaves at the end of August to accept a promotion in the office of the Chief of Army Reserves' Legislative Liaison Office.

I would like to say thank you to Brigitte for her nine years of devoted service to the Senate and to wish her success and happiness in her new endeavor.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP

Mr. REED. Madam President, every summer the senior Senator from West Virginia, Mr. BYRD, hosts a luncheon for the participants of the National Youth Science Camp.

This is a distinguished collection of high school students from every State in the Nation who have demonstrated exceptional abilities in the fields of science and technology. They participate in a two-week science camp in Green Bank, WV, and, afterwards, spend several days touring Washington, D.C. Their time in the Nation's capital culminates in the luncheon hosted by Senator BYRD.

At this year's luncheon, held in the Russell Caucus Room on July 19, Senator BYRD was introduced by a member of the board of the National Youth Science Foundation, Mr. Charles McElwee.

When Mr. McElwee introduced Senator BYRD at the luncheon, I was impressed. He recognized the remarkable accomplishments of the senior Senator from West Virginia: that Senator BYRD has served in the Senate for more than 42 years, has been elected to 8 consecutive 6-year Senate terms, and has held