

There has been a lot of talk about how much money we put into National in upgrading it. It is a beautiful facility. But what would it cost to replace this Capitol? You could never do it. Or the White House or the Lincoln Memorial or the Jefferson Memorial or everything else that is so precious and almost sacred to our Nation?

So I disagree that somehow, if we kept it closed, it means the terrorists have won. I disagree. I think National ought to be opened somewhere else. There is plenty of open territory outside of Washington, DC, to the south and to the west. There are a lot of big areas out in Virginia. It would still be an economic income to the State of Virginia and the upper Virginia area. It is needed, but it is not needed where it is. So I wanted to register my concern about the reopening of National Airport, and, quite frankly, I don't think it should have been there in the first place. If you could turn the clock back, it should have been put somewhere else. Certainly, the amount of money that was put into upgrading it in the last few years, while it is a magnificent facility, I think was unwise. I said so at the time and I say it again today. There are a lot of things that could be done with that facility there. Look at what they did with Inner Harbor at Baltimore. Just think what that would do for tourism with tourist attractions beside an airport.

I see it from two standpoints: First, the defense of Washington, DC, and having an adequate perimeter of defense; and, second, because of the type of approaches in and out of National, there is an inherent danger.

I wanted to register my concerns. I hope we will take another look at this issue and rebuild National Airport some other place farther outside the city.

Madam President, my time has expired. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by
the Senate October 3, 2001:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN P. ABIZAID, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SICHAN SIV, OF TEXAS, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

PEACE CORPS

GADDI H. VASQUEZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS, VICE MARK L. SCHNEIDER, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be captain

BRYON ING, 0000
MICHAEL D VALERIO, 0000
STEVEN D HARDY, 0000
STEVE M SAWYER, 0000
WILLIAM J UBERTI, 0000
NORRIS E MERKLE, 0000
BRIAN J FORD, 0000
DOUGLAS B LANE, 0000
BRUCE E VIEKMAN, 0000
STEPHEN L SIELBECK, 0000
RODRICK M ANSLEY, 0000
EDWIN H DANIELS, 0000
EVERETT F ROLLINS, 0000
STEPHEN J DANSCUK, 0000
PATRICK H STADT, 0000
SCOTT D GENOVESE, 0000

ROBERT E MOBLEY, 0000
DANNY ELLIS, 0000
GARY E DAHMEN, 0000
RONALD W BRANCH, 0000
RICHARD A MCCULLOUGH, 0000
DANIEL A CUTRER, 0000
WALTER J REGER, 0000
HAROLD W FINCH, 0000
ERIC J SHAW, 0000
MARY E LANDRY, 0000
KEVIN E DALE, 0000
PAUL D JEWELL, 0000
JACK V RUTZ, 0000
DENNIS M HOLLAND, 0000
MICHAEL A JETT, 0000
WILLIAM D BAUMGARTNER, 0000
LARRY R WHITE, 0000
STEPHEN E MEHLING, 0000
MICHAEL C GHIZZONI, 0000
WILLIAM R MARHOFFER, 0000
JAMES D MAES, 0000
MICHAEL A NEUSS, 0000
GEORGE H HEINTZ, 0000
JOSEPH W BRUBAKER, 0000
MICHAEL D HUDSON, 0000
KEVIN J CAVANAUGH, 0000
GEORGE A ASSENG, 0000
CHRISTINE J QUEDENS, 0000
CHRISTOPHER D MILLS, 0000
TIMOTHY V SKUBY, 0000
HARRY E HAYNES, 0000
DAVID J REGAN, 0000
JEAN M BUTLER, 0000
GARY M SMIALEK, 0000
ROBERT E DAY, 0000
MICHAEL D INMAN, 0000
SHARON W FIJALKA, 0000
IAN GRUNTHOR, 0000
STEPHEN D AUSTIN, 0000
DEREK H RIEKSTS, 0000
THOMAS D HOOPER, 0000
JAMES D BJOSTAD, 0000
THOMAS P OSTEBO, 0000
DANIEL J MCCLELLAN, 0000

To be commander

JAMES R DIRE, 0000
RICHARD W SANDERS, 0000
JOSEPH E VORBACH, 0000

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the
Senate October 3, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT W. JORDAN, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.