the Reagan administration came back under a new Secretary of the Interior and proposed to sell the oil leases again. We had to go to work even harder. This time it escalated all the way up to not just the appropriations subcommittee on the Department of the Interior, but to the full Appropriations Committee, where we finally won the vote by pointing to NASA and the Department of Defense to the fact that you can’t be dropping solid rocket boosters from the space shuttle and the first stages from expendable booster rockets being launched from the Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station if you have oil rigs down below. So we won that vote after a hard fight.

I thought our fight was over on being able to protect Florida’s shores from the threat of environmental and economic damage as a result of oil drilling. But my hope back there in the early 1980s was for naught because in the year 2001, despite a promise that was made last fall, in the year 2000, by candidate for President George W. Bush, one of the first acts of the new Bush administration is to offer for sale lease tract 181 off the coast of the State of Florida for oil and gas drilling.

Well, 16 million Floridians will not stand for this. Senator Bob Graham and I will not stand for this. Statewide elected officials expressed many times over, including this Senator who used to be an elected member of the State Cabinet of Florida, will not stand for it. The legislature of the State of Florida will not stand for it. Most of the congressional delegation from the State of Florida will not stand for it. Yet the administration persists. It looks as if we are in for a donnybrook where we will clash our swords and sort out the desire of 16 million Floridians to prevail.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:20 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 23, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

EDWARD C. ALDRIDGE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY, VICE JACOLIN G. ANDERSON.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

TIMOTHY J. MURIS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS, VICE JURIS D. SMITH.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

BRUCE M. ROSS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE MICHAEL TELISON.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

A. ELIZABETH S. KIRKLAND, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CARRER MINISTER, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE JAMES F. DOBRIN.

CARL F. POLE, OF FLORIDA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED, CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER:

DOROTHY L. LUTTER, OF MASSACHUSETTS

THOMAS E. MOORE, OF TEXAS

Karen L. Johnson, of the District of Columbia

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED:

R BENJAMIN R. HOUSER, OF VIRGINIA

BRADLEY D. KIRKLAND, OF VIRGINIA

GUARDIAN OF THE SEALS

KERRI STRENG HANNAN, OF FLORIDA

KAREN LOUISE GUSTAFSON DE ANDRADE, OF COLORADO

SHERMAN L. GRANDY, OF IDAHO

CARRIE L. MUNTEAN, OF VIRGINIA

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