

Union in addition to the government of South Korea, which is taking courageous steps to reduce tensions on the Korean peninsula. In my judgment, U.S. interests are best served by providing continuity to this approach and not by undercutting the South Korean leadership.

Regarding Kosovo, John Bolton has demonstrated little appreciation of our national interests in resolving the most violent threat to the stability of Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Indeed, Bolton wrote that President Clinton and Prime Minister Tony Blair's justification for military action is "singularly, and indeed, proudly devoid of any concrete U.S. or UK interests as we traditionally understand the term. Indeed, they justified the instigation of hostilities as a humanitarian intervention." In my opinion, our humanitarian interests are always in our national interests. Senior State Department officials should understand this point unequivocally.

John Bolton's work for the Reagan administration has also drawn fire. At

the Department of Justice under Attorney General Meese, Bolton earned a reputation for his abrasive and controversial tactics in dealing with Congressional requests for information. I understand from some of my colleagues that he was repeatedly unhelpful, slow to respond, and argumentative. He was reportedly involved in the delay and cover-up of missing documents on several occasions.

As I reviewed my prepared remarks on the nomination of John Bolton, I could not avoid the conclusion that the Administration has proposed a controversial, highly partisan man to perform a job of utmost sensitivity and importance to our national interests. John Bolton's presence in the inner circle of the State Department may actually undercut the promising start of Secretary Colin Powell, who has demonstrated a deft touch and sound judgment in dealing with the our allies and friends around the world. I believe we do the nation no service by confirming the wrong man for this position.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW
AT 9:30 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:38 p.m., adjourned in executive session until Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 7, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JACK DYER CROUCH, II, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE FRANKLIN D. KRAMER.

JAMES G. ROCHE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE F. WHITTEN PETERS.

SUSAN MORRISSEY LIVINGSTONE, OF MONTANA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STEPHEN BRAUER, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELGIUM.