

In 1949, President Truman went on to say that the Washington Treaty was a very simple document, but one that might have prevented two world wars had it been in existence in 1914 or 1939. Protecting Western Europe, he opined, was an important step toward creating peace in the world. And he predicted that the positive impact of NATO would be felt beyond its borders and throughout the World.

Those words strike me as prescient today. Truman was right. NATO prevented war in Europe for 50 years. It is now in the process of making all of Europe safe and secure and of building a new relationship with Russia. That, in itself, is a remarkable accomplishment. But if NATO does not help tackle the most pressing security threat to our countries today—a threat I believe is existential because it involves the threat of weapons of mass destruction—it will cease to be the premier alliance it has been and will become increasingly marginal.

That is why NATO's agenda for Prague has to be both broadened—and integrated. While NATO enlargement and deepened NATO-Russia cooperation will be central to the summit's agenda, they must now be complemented by a plan to translate the fighting of terrorism into one of NATO's central military missions. NATO enlargement and NATO-Russia cooperation should be pursued in a way that strengthens, not weakens, that agenda. This means that new members must be willing and able to sign up to new NATO requirements in this area, and that the new NATO-Russia Council must be structured in a way that strongly supports the Alliance in undertaking such new military tasks.

To leave NATO focused solely on defending the peace in Europe from the old threats would be to reduce it to sort of a housekeeping role in an increasingly secure continent. To do so at a time when we face a new existential threat posed by terrorism and weapons of mass destruction will condemn it to a marginal role in meeting the major challenge of our time.

That is why this issue has to be front and center on NATO's agenda before, during and after Prague. The reality is that we can launch the next round of NATO enlargement as well as a new NATO-Russia relationship at Prague, and the Alliance can still be seen as failing—that's right, failing—unless it starts to transform itself into an important new force in the war on terrorism.

I plan to work with the Bush administration in the months and years ahead in an effort to promote such a transformation of the Alliance and hope that Allied governments as well as Members of Congress and the members of the legislatures we represent will strongly, enthusiastically join me in this effort.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: 470, 567, 569, 618, 619, 620, 622, 623, 625 through 633, 635, 636, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 648, 649, 652 through 657, 659, 660, 661, and the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk, that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Thomas M. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management). (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Rebecca W. Watson, of Montana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

William R. Brownfield, of Texas, 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 and Chile.

John V. Hanford III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ministry, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

James David McGee, 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 the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Kenneth P. Moorefield, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Kenneth P. Moorefield, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic.

John D. Ong, of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Norway.

Earl Norfleet Phillips, Jr., of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

John Price, of Utah, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Charles S. Shapiro, of Georgia, 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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Frederick W. Schieck, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Roger P. Winter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

PEACE CORPS

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Josephine K. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

David Preston York, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Michael A. Battle, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for a term of four years.

Dwight MacKay, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.