Whereas over 1,000 commercial aircraft orders have been canceled or deferred in the past five years, because of losses in the airline industry resulting in a cost of 125,000 airframe and aerospace jobs;

Whereas every increase in taxes on commercial airline fuel will be followed by more cancellations and deferred orders of American-made aircraft;

Therefore the National Aerospace Workforce Coalition urges the Senate to repeal the aviation fuel tax as it will only cause more hardship for American workers and further erode our country's aerospace industrial base.●

CONSECRATION CELEBRATION

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues the activities that are underway to commemorate the consecration celebration of the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Baltimore, MD. This indeed is a major achievement for this community and culminates 25 years of dedication, hard work, and energetic involvement.

His Excellency Metropolitan Silas of New Jersey will join with Father Ernest Arambiges, pastor of St. Demetrios, and the parishioners and friends of the community to celebrate the ancient ceremony of consecration. This signifies that the church is formally dedicated to its spiritual mission.

Founded in 1970, St. Demetrios is one of three centers of worship for the Greek Orthodox community in Baltimore. Located in northern Baltimore County, St. Demetrios is a product of the love and labor of its parishioners. It took the 300 families of St. Demetrios almost 8 years of fundraising before they had the means to build their church's edifice. Before that, they worshipped in the auditorium of Parkville High School. The community has worshipped in the present edifice for over a decade and has found itself a permanent and lasting home.

The consecration marks a new chapter in the history of Orthodoxy in Maryland as the St. Demetrios community is the first in the Baltimore area located outside the central city area. It is a focal point for wholesome community life where young and old can pray, learn, and grow together both socially and spiritually.

I want to congratulate the entire St. Demetrios family for their dedication and for enriching our Baltimore community with this inspiring church building.

Mr. President, I request that an article from the Baltimore Sun which records this important event be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Baltimore Sun]

ST. DEMETRIOS CONSECRATION PLANNED SUNDAY

In what Greek Orthodox clergy say is ''a once-in-lifetime event,'' Baltimore County's St. Demetrios Church will be consecrated this weekend by two of the denomination's revered leaders, who will encase relics of three early Christian saints in the altar table.

His Eminence Archbishop Iskovos and His Excellency Metropolitan Silas will preside at the consecration service at 9 a.m. Sunday, the culmination of a series of ancient rites this week at the domed church at 2504 Cub Hill Road.

Construction of the church, decorated in the Byzantine style, began in 1983 on a 30-acre site in the Cub Hill section of the county north of Carney.

Bones of Saints Boniface, Cyril of Alexandria and Panteleimon will be brought to the church tomorrow and set on a paten. The relics will be covered with a veil until Sunday morning, when they will be interred in a 1,600-year-old ceremony.

During the services Sunday, Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, will be assisted by Metropolitan Silas, who has immediate jurisdiction over the parish. They will carry the relics around the church three times in a procession of the congregation.

Water and oil will be used in the consecration service, which will include the lighting of the vigil lamp before the tabernacle.

The congregation's worship and celebrations this week began with the St. Demetrios Feast Day Vesper Service and a reception Wednesday evening, and continued with a Divine Liturgy yesterday morning. The Great and Solemn Vespers of Consecration at 7 p.m. tomorrow will be followed by another reception in the church's Fellowship Hall.

The congregation has planned a third reception and a dinner-dance beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, 903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into Executive session and immediately proceed to consideration to calendar nominations 316 and 328. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc, are as follows:

NAVY

The following named captains of the Reserve of the U.S. Navy for permanent promotion to the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in the line and staff corps, as indicated, pursuant to the provision of Title 10, United States Code, section 5912:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Kenneth Peter Barausky, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

Capt. Martin Edward Janczak, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

Capt. Pierce Jarvis Johnson, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

Capt. Michael Robert Scott, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Larry Lafayette Poe, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

to be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Richard Harry Wells, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

MEDICAL CORPS OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. John Bert Cotton, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

Capt. John Conant Weed, Jr., 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

SUPPLY CORPS

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Fred Joseph Schuber III, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

CHAPLAIN CORPS

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Peter Hess Beckwith, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

John Wade Douglass, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1995

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 31; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use at their choice later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of routine morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. LOTT. I further ask that following the period for morning business the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Transportation appropriations conference report.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will consider the Transportation conference report, and other available appropriations conference reports and bills, and possibly available authorizations bills. At least a couple of hours of debate is anticipated for the appropriations conference report, and a rollcall vote may be requested on adoption of the conference report. However, that vote would not occur until after the policy luncheons some time after 2 o'clock.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in