his family. I commend the Vice President for what he did. It was a very courageous action. He parted ways with his own administration to say that this is the right thing to do. You have to give credit where credit is due, and he gets all the credit in the world from me for having made that decision. I ask unanimous consent that his statement of March 30, today, regarding Elian Gonzalez, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT BY AL GORE REGARDING ELIAN GONZALEZ, MARCH 30, 2000

From the very beginning, I have said that Elian Gonzalez's case is at heart a custody matter. It is a matter that should be decided by courts that have the experience and expertise to resolve custody cases—with due process, and based on Elian's best interests.

It now appears that our immigration laws may not be broad enough to allow for such an approach in Elian's case. That is why I am urging Congress to pass legislation that is being sponsored by Senators BOB GRAHAM and BOB SMITH—which would grant permanent resident status to Elian and his family so that this case can be adjudicated properly. I know that Congressman BOB MENENDEZ has introduced similar legislation in the House as well.

Let us be clear that the real fault in this case lies with the oppressive regime of Fidel Castro. Elian should never have been forced to choose between freedom and his own father. Now we must take action, here on our own shores, to make sure that Elian's best interests are served.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I will read a couple lines:

From the very beginning, I have said that Elian Gonzalez's case is at heart a custody matter. It is a matter that should be decided by the courts that have the experience and expertise to resolve custody cases—with due process, and based on Elian's best interests.

My sentiments exactly.

Let us be clear, the real fault in the case lies with the regime of Fidel Castro. Elian should never have been forced to choose between freedom and his own father. Now we must take action, here on our own shores, to make sure that Elian's best interests are served.

That is a very powerful statement. I commend the Vice President for making it. I hope the Vice President now can work with some of his colleagues on the other side of the aisle who have been opposing this opportunity to have the permanent residency status on Elian Gonzalez.

This bill is a perfect solution for those who are not prepared to grant full citizenship for this boy. This is a compromise, not full citizenship, and it is not sending him back to Cuba. It is a compromise. It is one on which I have worked for a long time. It is the perfect solution for those who are concerned that the Senate would be stepping into a custody matter. This bill makes this a custody case, as I just said. It removes the issue from the pro-Cuba or anti-Cuba politics. It allows the issue to be settled by a judge who has the expertise in family custody matters to resolve the status of Elian without any intimidation or any threats from Fidel Castro.

As I have stated, this is a decision the Attorney General has made. I applaud the Vice President's endorsement, and I hope and plead with him to pick up the telephone, call some of his former colleagues, and urge them to support this legislation or urge Janet Reno to pull back from this insistence that Elian Gonzalez not have permanent residency status.

I will have more to say on this when we return on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:39 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 30, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

J. RANDOLPH BABBITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

ROBERT W. BAKER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

EDWARD M. BOLEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

DEBBIE D. BRANSON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

GEOFFREY T. CROWLEY, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

ROBERT A. DAVIS, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

KENDALL W. WILSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR. (NEW POSITION)

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general, Medical Service Corps

COL. RICHARD L. URSONE, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AND ASTERISK (*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be lieutenant colonel

MARLENE E. ABBOTT, 0000
TAREK C. ABBOUSHI, 0000
PAUL R. ACKERMAN, 0000
R. KEVIN ADAMS, 0000
SANDRA M. ADAMS, 0000
DANNY L. ADDISON, 0000
EDWARD A. ADKINS, 0000
SAM RALPH AH, 0000
JEROME J. AKERSON, 0000
STEVEN B. ALDERFER, 0000
FRANK S. ALEXA, 0000
MARK G. ALLCOTT, 0000
BRUCE A. ALLEN, 0000
THOMAS G. ALLEY, 0000
JOHN P. ALMIND, 0000
JAMES K. ALTMAN, 0000
MARK A. ALTOBELLI, 0000
DOUGLAS L. AMON, 0000
MICHAEL D. ANDERSEN, 0000
BRIAN D. ANDERSON, 0000
GREGG D. ANDREACHI, 0000
WALTER G. ANDRESS, JR., 0000
CRAIG L. ANFINSEN, 0000
MICHAEL B. ANGELORO, 0000
JOHN P. ANTON, 0000
ALAN W. ARATA, 0000
JOSEPH F. ARATA, 0000
ROBERT L. ARENDS, 0000
DANIEL E. ARNOLD, 0000
DAVID R. ARREOLA, 0000
SAMUEL A. ARROYO, 0000
KENNETH R. ARTEAGA, 0000
MATTHEW B. ASH, 0000
THOMAS G. ATKINS, 0000
CAROL L. ATKINSON, 0000
DIANA ATWELL, 0000
JAMES S. AVRIT, 0000
KEVIN W. AYER, 0000
CHRISTOPHER B. AYRES, 0000
BALAN R. AYYAR, 0000
MICHAEL A. BABAUTA, 0000
RONALD J. BABSKI, JR., 0000
GARY J. BACKES, 0000
DALE E. BAILEY, 0000
JIMMY C. BAILEY, 0000
RICHARD S. BAILEY, 0000
RICHARD D. BAKER, 0000
KAREN E. BAKKE, 0000
KENNETH E. BANDY, 0000
BRITTON W. BANKSON, 0000
ALEXANDER R. BAPTY, 0000
GREGORY A. BARBER, 0000
WILLIAM TERRY BARE, 0000
THEODORE H. BARLOCK, 0000
JAMES M. BARON, 0000
ROBERT S. BARONE, 0000
PAUL R. BARRE, 0000
STEPHEN L. BARRETT, 0000
BRYAN K. BARTELS, 0000
RICHARD A. BAUMANN, 0000
JAMES R. BEAMON, 0000
BARRY M. BEARD, 0000
JAMES B. BEARDEN, 0000
DENNIS L. BEATTY, 0000
MARGARET H. BEATY, 0000
CHARLES J. BECK, 0000
JEFFREY A. BECK, 0000
WILLIAM J. BECKER, 0000
WILLIAM C. BECKINGER, 0000
BENJAMIN C. BEEDE, 0000
ERIC A. BEENE, 0000
DIANE F. BEHLER, 0000
DANIEL G. BEHNE, 0000
THOMAS E. BELL, 0000
TIMOTHY R. BELL, 0000
CHRIS C. BELSON, 0000
WILSON M. BEN, 0000
DAVID L. BENNETT, 0000
EDWARD J. BENNINGFIELD, 0000
ROBERT W. BENWAY, 0000
ROBERT F. BERKHEISER, 0000
JON H. BERRIE, 0000
RONALD J. BEYERS, 0000
JAMES M. BIEDA, 0000
WILLIAM W. BIERBAUM, 0000
DOROTHA A. BIERNESSER, 0000
PAUL T. BIGELOW, 0000
STEVEN H. BILLS, 0000
GEORGE P. BIONDI, 0000
FRANCIS J. BISHOP, JR., 0000
GRANT C. BISHOP, 0000
CASEY D. BLAKE, 0000
KEVIN C. BLAKLEY, 0000
GREGORY O. BLANCHARD, 0000
REGINA A. BLANKE, 0000
BRIAN S. BLANKENSHIP, 0000
JAMES C. BLASINGAME, JR., 0000
MICHAEL A. BLAYLOCK, 0000
GAGE A. BLEAKLEY, 0000
DAVID D. BLOMBERG, 0000
JOHN W. BLUMENTRITT, 0000
CHARLES H. BOARDMAN IV, 0000
KRISTINA M. BOERMEESTER, 0000
CHARLES R. BOONE, 0000
KEVIN A. BOOTH, 0000
ELIZABETH B. BORELLI, 0000
KEVIN A. BORNHOFT, 0000
MARK T. BOSWELL, 0000
JOYCE M. BOUGHAN, 0000
BRIAN D. BOURNE, 0000
KELVIN C. BOWEN, 0000
MELVIN K. BOWEN, 0000
JOHN C. BOWER, 0000
JOSEPH H. BOWERS, 0000
ROBERT V. BOWERSOX, 0000
ANNETTE V. BOX, 0000
FLOYD J. BOYER, 0000
JOHN V. BOYLE, 0000
ANTHONY G. BRADLEY, 0000
PATRICK O. BRADSHAW, 0000
MICHAEL T. BRAMAN, 0000
WILLIAM C. BRANDT, 0000
STEPHEN M. BRANNEN, 0000
WILLIAM S. BREI, 0000
MICHAEL J. BRENNAN III, 0000
ALAN C. BRIDGES, 0000
DAVID A. BROMWELL, 0000
MARK A. BRONAKOWSKI, 0000
MICHAEL J. BROOKS, 0000
ROGER G. BROOKS, 0000
HEIDI S. BROTHERS, 0000
DAVID A. BROWN, 0000
JONATHAN D. BROWN, 0000
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TIMOTHY D. BROWN, 0000
GERALD R. BRUCE, 0000
ALVIN A. BRUNNER III, 0000
ROBIN R. BRUNNER, 0000
JAMES M. BRUNO, 0000
ANTHONY R. BUCK, 0000
JOSEPH E. BUDER, 0000
GREGORY S. BUELT, 0000