

CONCLUSION OF MORNING  
BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF JOHN M. DEUTCH,  
OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DI-  
RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL IN-  
TELLIGENCE AGENCY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will go into executive session to consider the nomination of John Deutch to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

John M. Deutch, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

NOMINATION OF JOHN DEUTCH TO BE DIRECTOR  
OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, it is with enthusiasm that I will vote today to confirm the President's nomination of John Deutch to one of our country's most important and difficult jobs, Director of Central Intelligence.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I have worked closely with John Deutch in both his present position as Deputy Secretary of Defense and in his prior capacity as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. I have had the opportunity to admire his competence as a manager and his broad knowledge on and accomplishments in national security matters.

Secretary Deutch has firsthand experience in improving our national security institutions. He successfully led the Pentagon's effort to reform its acquisition process, a long overdue and badly needed initiative. He also took the lead on the controversial C-17 aircraft negotiations and produced a good solution. In short, he has taken some of the thorniest problems in our largest national security institution and produced positive and cost-effective results.

The U.S. intelligence community is at a critical crossroads as it responds to a host of new and demanding challenges. With the end of the cold war, the need for reliable intelligence for the President and the Nation's decisionmakers has not vanished, but it has changed. We have seen a dramatic shift in the nature of the threats to U.S. national security. We have seen a sharp rise in the number and intensity of regional conflicts including the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Somalia, and Haiti. We have also seen the need to broaden the cope of our intelligence efforts to include work on emerging challenges in interdiction of the international drug trade, anti-terrorism, nonproliferation and in support of government decisionmaking in economics and trade.

At the same time, the intelligence community faces a number of internal challenges. The community should not,

has not, and will not be spared the budget cuts and downsizing facing all of the Federal Government. And, the intelligence community must work very hard to recover from the shocks of the Ames case and the current controversy over events in Guatemala.

The President could have named no more qualified nominee to grapple with these challenges. John Deutch's vast knowledge and experience, his track record in government, will assure that he will do so with the full confidence of those who work in within the intelligence community and those in the Congress responsible for oversight. While I have not agreed with him on every issue, I admire and respect his considerable abilities and the forthright manner in which he engages debate.

I am very pleased today to join in what I hope and expect will be the unanimous confirmation of the nomination of John Deutch to be the next Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Madam President, it is with great pleasure that I support John Deutch's nomination to serve as the Director of Central Intelligence. During Dr. Deutch's service at the Department of Defense, including his service as the Deputy Secretary of Defense, John Deutch has been a thoughtful, decisive, and professional public servant.

Over the last 2 years, I have worked with John Deutch on a number of important, complicated, and diverse issues. In every instance, Dr. Deutch was extremely knowledgeable about the issue, he demonstrated diligent follow-up, and he never deviated from his commitment to serve the national interest. I have appreciated working with John Deutch and he will be missed at the Department of Defense.

John Deutch will be an excellent Director of Central Intelligence. This is a crucial time for the U.S. intelligence community as it tries to adapt to the post-cold-war era. I have every confidence that John Deutch will lead the Central Intelligence Agency forward in the 21st century.

Madam President, I look forward to casting my vote in support of John Deutch's nomination to serve as the next Director of Central Intelligence.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Madam President, I am proud to support President Clinton's nominee, John M. Deutch, as Director of Central Intelligence. This is a difficult time for the CIA, but John Deutch brings considerable skills and experience to the position, and I have every confidence that he will make a difference at the CIA.

Mr. Deutch has an impressive academic background. He has been a distinguished professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was chair of the department of chemistry there. As a teacher and a scientist, Mr. Deutch understands the technical details of the newest emerging intelligence technology, and he also has the remarkable ability to explain this

technology in plain English, so that nonscientists understand.

Mr. Deutch has also served with distinction in Government. He worked at the Department of Energy, as Under Secretary of Energy Technology. In recognition of his contributions in that position, he was honored with the Secretary's Distinguished Service Medal and the Department's Distinguished Service Medal. More recently, he served at the Department of Defense as Under Secretary of Acquisition and Technology. And he leaves DOD as the distinguished Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Deutch will have to draw from this extraordinary experience to address a number of concerns at the Central Intelligence Agency. His responsibility is great. The CIA has been faced with a number of scandals of its own making. The Aldrich Ames spy case compromised U.S. intelligence gathering overseas. For years, the CIA was unable to detect his treachery, and more recently, the CIA appeared unwilling to appropriately discipline his superiors. This is unacceptable. I am confident that Mr. Deutch will address the flaws in the internal administration of the CIA which allowed Ames to flourish in the system undetected. He has pledged that in the future, anyone in a position of supervision over an agent who is spying on the United States, and does not take forceful action, will be fired.

Mr. Deutch's nomination also comes at a time when very serious questions have been raised about CIA operations in Guatemala. It has become clear through public hearings in recent weeks that a paid CIA informant in the Guatemalan military was involved in horrendous human rights abuses against Guatemalan people, and participated in the torture and death of an American citizen, and a Guatemalan who was married to an American citizen. Further, when this information became known to CIA officials, it was not properly reported to the House or Senate Intelligence Committees. The United States must stand for democracy and the protection of human rights abroad. I am deeply offended, as are many Americans, to learn of a relationship between the CIA and this Guatemalan colonel.

These and other scandals have plagued the CIA. Morale is low. John Deutch is clearly needed at this time to revitalize the CIA. With the end of the cold war, America's intelligence needs have changed. But they have not diminished. Our intelligence community is staffed with brave men and women who take risks every day to assist our policymakers by providing the best intelligence in the world. We must restore the confidence of the American people in these men and women, and in our intelligence gathering capabilities. John Deutch is a man of real quality. He is fully capable of meeting the challenges that lie before him.