

the next BWC Review Conference in 1996.

The United States maintained its active participation in the 29-member Australia Group (AG), which now includes the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, and Romania. The AG reaffirmed in December the members' collective belief that full adherence to the CWC and the BWC provides the only means to achieve a permanent global ban on CBW, and that all states adhering to these Conventions have an obligation to ensure that their national activities support these goals.

The AG also reiterated its conviction that harmonized AG export licensing measures are consistent with, and indeed actively support, the requirement under Article I of the CWC that States Parties never assist, in any way, the manufacture of chemical weapons. These measures also are consistent with the undertaking in Article XI of the CWC to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of chemical materials and related information for purposes not prohibited by the Convention, as they focus solely on preventing assistance to activities banned under the CWC. Similarly, such efforts also support existing nonproliferation obligations under the BWC.

The United States Government determined that three foreign nationals (Luciano Moscatelli, Manfred Felber, and Gerhard Merz) had engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that required the imposition of sanctions against them, effective on November 19, 1994. Similar determinations were made against three foreign companies (Asian Ways Limited, Mainway International, and Worldco) effective on February 18, 1995, and imposed sanctions against them. Additional information on these determinations is contained in a classified report to the Congress, provided pursuant to the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991. The United States Government continues to monitor closely activities that may be subject to CBW sanctions provisions.

The United States continued to control vigilantly U.S. exports that could make a contribution to unmanned delivery systems for weapons of mass destruction, exercising restraint in considering all such transfers consistent with the Guidelines of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). The MTCR Partners shared information not only with each other but with other possible supplier, consumer, and transshipment states about proliferation problems and also stressed the importance of implementing effective export control systems.

The United States initiated unilateral efforts and coordinated with MTCR Partners in multilateral efforts, aimed at combatting missile proliferation by nonmembers and at encouraging nonmembers to adopt responsible export behavior and to adhere to the MTCR Guidelines. On October 4, 1994,

the United States and China signed a Joint Statement on Missile Nonproliferation in which China reiterated its 1992 commitment to the MTCR Guidelines and agreed to ban the export of ground-to-ground MTCR-class missiles. In 1995, the United States met bilaterally with Ukraine in January, and with Russia in April, to discuss missile nonproliferation and the implementation of the MTCR Guidelines. In May 1995, the United States will participate with other MTCR Partners in a regime approach to Ukraine to discuss missile nonproliferation and to share information about the MTCR.

The United States actively encouraged its MTCR Partners and fellow AG participants to adopt "catch-all" provisions, similar to that of the United States and EPCI, for items not subject to specific export controls. Austria, Germany, Norway, and the United Kingdom actually have such provisions in place. The European Union (EU) issued a directive in 1994 calling on member countries to adopt "catch-all" controls. These controls will be implemented July 1, 1995. In line with this harmonization move, several countries, including European States that are not actually members of the EU, have adopted or are considering putting similar provisions in place.

The United States has continued to pursue this Administration's nuclear nonproliferation goals. More than 170 nations joined in the indefinite, unconditional extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) on May 11, 1995. This historic decision strengthens the security of all countries, nuclear weapons states and nonweapons states alike.

South Africa joined the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), increasing NSG membership to 31 countries. The NSG held a plenary in Helsinki, April 5-7, 1995, which focused on membership issues and the NSG's relationship to the NPT Conference. A separate, dual-use consultation meeting agreed upon 32 changes to the dual-use list.

Pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, I report that there were no expenses directly attributable to the exercise of authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency in Executive Order No. 12938 during the period from November 14, 1994, through May 14, 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 1995.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes on May 10, 12, 16, and 17, and regretfully was not present for rollcall numbers 311, the rule under which H.R. 961, the Clean Water Amendments of 1995 was considered; 312, the Saxton amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 961; 313, the Mineta amendment striking various provisions in the bill which allow waivers, exemptions, or modifications of current Clean Water

Act requirements; 314, the Boehlert amendment regarding the Coastal Zone Management Program; 327, the Bate-man substitute to the Lipinski amendment to change the formula for allocating sewage treatment plant construction funds; 328, the Lipinski amendment changing the formula for allocating Federal funds for sewage treatment plant construction among States; 330, to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 1590 to require the Trustees of the Medicare trust funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial imbalance in Medicare trust funds; 331, the Arme-y motion to permit standing committees and subcommittees to sit during proceeding of the House under the 5-minute rule; 332, the Boehlert amendment to define "wetland" more broadly under the Clean Water Act; 333, the Gilcrest amendment to strike language establishing a new definition of what constitutes a wetland as well as its detailed wetlands classification system; the Frelinghuysen amendment to allow States that are administering their own federally approved wetlands permit programs as of the date of enactment to continue administering their own programs rather than the new program established in the bill; 335, the Wyden amendment to provide that the Federal Government would not have to pay compensation for losses in property value caused by wetlands regulation in certain cases; 336, the Bonior motion to recommit the bill H.R. 961 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions; 337, final passage of the bill H.R. 961, the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1995; and 338 to approve the Journal of Tuesday, May 16, 1995.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 311, 312, 313, and 314; "no" on 327; "aye" on 328; "no" on 330 and 331; "aye" on 332, 333, 334, 335, and 336; "no" on 337; and "yea" on 338.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time for the purpose of inquiring of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will meet in pro forma session on Monday, May 22. There will be no recorded votes.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12 o'clock noon for legislative business to consider three bills under open rules previously adopted by the House. The bills are: H.R. 614, the New London Fish Hatchery Conveyance; H.R. 584,

the Fairport National Fish Hatchery Conveyance; and H.R., 535, the Corning National Fish Hatchery Conveyance.

We then plan to take up the rule and begin consideration of H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interest Act.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. to continue consideration of H.R. 1561. We intend to finish H.R. 1561 on Thursday afternoon, and it is our hope to have Members on their way home to their families and their districts for the Memorial Day district work period by 3 p.m., Thursday.

The House will not be in session on Friday.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I would say to the gentleman I know of his interest in fish hatcheries and trying to improve fishing conditions all over the country. So I know of the importance of this legislation to the gentleman and to other people who are so interested around the country.

I would like to ask when the first vote would be expected on Tuesday, approximately what time?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman. We are instructing people to be prepared for a vote as early as 12 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I would like to ask the gentleman if he could advise us when the last vote might be expected on Tuesday.

Mr. ARMEY. Tuesday evening we expect the last vote to be between 6 and 6:30.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman. Could you also advise us what rule he would expect on the American Overseas Interest Act?

Mr. ARMEY. The Committee on Rules will meet on Monday. We anticipate a time-structured rule, but one that is as open as possible for the benefit of our Members.

Mr. GEPHARDT. And, finally, I would ask the majority leader, when we return from the Memorial Day recess, will we return for votes on Monday, June 5, or do you think it will be on Tuesday, June 6?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's interest. We have not yet resolved that, and the gentleman is correct to make the inquiry. We will try to get that resolved and announce it next week.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 22, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the

House adjourns on Monday, May 22, 1995, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN— MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104-77)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALKER) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on developments since the last Presidential report on November 18, 1994, concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order No. 12170 of November 14, 1979, and matters relating to Executive Order No. 12613 of October 29, 1987. This report is submitted pursuant to section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c). This report covers events through April 18, 1995. It discusses only matters concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order No. 12170 and matters relating to Executive Order No. 12613. Matters relating to the March 15, 1995, Executive Order regarding a ban on investment in the petroleum sector, and the May 6, 1995, Executive Order regarding new trade sanctions, will be covered in separate reports. My last report, dated November 18, 1994, covered events through October 18, 1994.

1. There have been no amendments to the Iranian Transactions Regulations, 31 CFR Part 560, or to the Iranian Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR Part 535, since the last report.

2. The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") of the Department of the Treasury continues to process applications for import licenses under the Iranian Transactions Regulations. However, a substantial majority of such applications are determined to be

ineligible for licensing and, consequently, are denied.

During the reporting period, the U.S. Customs Service has continued to effect numerous seizures of Iranian-origin merchandise, primarily carpets, for violation of the import prohibitions of the Iranian Transactions Regulations. OFAC and Customs Service investigations of these violations have resulted in forfeiture actions and the imposition of civil monetary penalties. Additional forfeiture and civil penalty actions are under review.

3. The Iran-United States Claims Tribunal (the "Tribunal"), established at The Hague pursuant to the Algiers Accords, continues to make progress in arbitrating the claims before it. However, since my last report, the Tribunal has not rendered any awards although payments were received by claimants in late November for awards rendered during the prior reporting period. Thus, the total number of awards remains at 557. Of this total, 373 have been awards in favor of American claimants. Two hundred twenty-five (225) of these were awards on agreed terms, authorizing and approving payment of settlements negotiated by the parties, and 150 were decisions adjudicated on the merits. The Tribunal has issued 38 decisions dismissing claims on the merits and 85 decisions dismissing claims for jurisdictional reasons. Of the 59 remaining awards, three approved the withdrawal of cases and 56 were in favor of Iranian claimants. As of April 18, 1995, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that the value of awards to successful American claimants for the Security Account held by the NV Settlement Bank stood at \$2,365,160,410.39.

Iran has not replenished the Security Account since October 8, 1992, and the Account has remained continuously below the balance of \$500 million required by the Algiers Accords since November 5, 1992. As of April 10, 1995, the total amount in the Security Account was \$191,219,759.23, and the total amount in the Interest Account was \$24,959,218.79.

The United States continues to pursue Case A/28, filed in September 1993, to require Iran to meet its obligations under the Algiers Accords to replenish the Security Account. Iran has yet to file its Statement of Defense in that case.

4. The Department of State continues to present United States Government claims against Iran, in coordination with concerned government agencies, and to respond to claims brought against the United States by Iran.

On April 18, 1995, the United States filed the first of two parts of its consolidated submission on the merits in Case B/61. Case B/61 involves a claim by Iran for compensation with respect to