

experts I have talked with say we cannot meet those goals without nuclear power.

Mr. President, 20 percent of the electricity in this country is produced by nuclear power, but we have not approved a new plant since the 1970s. France has over 60 percent—soon to be 80 percent—of its power generated by nuclear power. Japan also has a large percentage generated by it. In the United States, we have never lost a life as a result of nuclear power. Nuclear power produces, as you know, no pollution for the atmosphere—zero. Huge amounts—20 percent—of our electric power is produced by nuclear power with no emissions out there.

We have a crisis in our energy policy with regard to fuel oil and our domestic production since 1992, when this administration took office. The reason I am talking about that is I believe there is a no-growth, antienergy policy that is made a part of our American policy under the Clinton-Gore administration. They do not believe in production of greater amounts of energy. We have reduced our domestic production of oil by 17 percent since 1992. Yet our demand for oil and gasoline has increased 14 percent. That is a shocking figure. That is why we are so much more dependent on the Middle East, OPEC, for oil and gas. That is why they are able to demand higher prices. Maybe the gas companies added a few cents on a gallon, but almost all of that was a direct result of their demand for oil from the Middle East and Venezuela and the OPEC nations, and we virtually pay double for it.

What that means is if your gasoline has gone up from \$1 to \$1.45 at the gas pump, that extra 45 cents is going outside of America to one of these OPEC nations. It is a drain on the wealth of this country, and I submit it does suggest it could threaten the economic prosperity we are enjoying today.

How can we meet our environmental goals? How can we do that without thinking broadly about what is occurring? We heard recently the Vice President saying, with regard to nuclear power, that he does not support an increased reliance on nuclear power for electricity generation. He does not support an increased reliance on nuclear power for electricity generation, but he would keep open the option of relicensing existing nuclear plants. I think that is a stunning statement. That is a no-growth policy. We are going to limit greenhouse emissions but we are not going to allow any increase in nuclear power.

Another one of his stunning proposals is to not drill any further for natural gas in the deep Gulf of Mexico. There are great reserves of natural gas there. Natural gas, even if it breaks out of our pipeline, does not pollute as does oil. It is not sticky. It evaporates. It is not a real dangerous pollutant. And when it burns, it is the most efficient burning of all fossil fuels and produces the least amount of pollution. If

we move to a cleaner energy source, natural gas is it. But the Vice President, who opposes nuclear power, now is opposing drilling for natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico. That he explicitly stated during his campaign in New Hampshire. In fact, he said he would consider rolling back the leases that have already been issued. So this is a dangerous time for us.

I hope we are not moving to make unwise decisions that would, in effect, result in the drying up of our supply of energy and raising the price of energy for every American and having that money go overseas to foreign nations. We need to produce more nuclear power. I will be talking more about that in the future.

My plea is to the President: Do not veto this bill. Let's keep America as a strong nuclear-powered country.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate, under the previous order, stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 25, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRIAN DEAN CURRAN, OF FLORIDA, 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 OF HAITI.

SHARON P. WILKINSON, OF NEW YORK, 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 OF MOZAMBIQUE.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MARK D. GEARAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

THE JUDICIARY

LINDA B. RIEGLE, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA VICE JOHNNIE B. RAWLINSON, ELEVATED.

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK VICE THOMAS P. GRIESA, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DANIEL G. WEBBER, JR., OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA, VICE PATRICK M. RYAN, RESIGNED.

JOSE ANTONIO PEREZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS VICE MICHAEL R. RAMON, RESIGNED.

RUSSELL JOHN QUALLIOTINE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MARTIN JAMES BURKE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant

JEFFREY D. KOTSON, 0000
SEAN P. GILL, 0000
CHRISTOPHER S. KEANE, 0000
CHRISTINE N. CUTTER, 0000
RICHARD R. BEYER, 0000
ANDREW J. NORRIS, 0000
SANDRA K. SELMAN, 0000
RACHEL E. CANTY, 0000
MARK W. SKOLNICKI, 0000
KENNETH D. DAHLIN, 0000

LEWIS FISHER, JR., 0000
ERIC A. BAUER, 0000
KEIRSTEN E. CURRENT, 0000
DARCIE A. GAARE, 0000
VICTOR S. MARSH, 0000
DENNIS C. MILLER, 0000
BERNARD J. SANDY, 0000
ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, 0000
JOSEPH M. ZWACK, 0000
PATRICIA T. MITROWSKI, 0000
CRAIG A. WYATT, 0000
LUCINDA J. BOOKHAMMER, 0000
CHRISTOPHER B. RANDOLPH, 0000
JESSE L. STEVENSON, 0000
MARILYNN J. NOBLE, 0000
DANA B. TYNDALE, 0000
STACEY MERSEL, 0000
JOSE A. QUINONESQUINTANA, 0000
STEFANIE A. BARRIS, 0000
YVONNE E. NIENHUIS, 0000
AMY M. BEACH, 0000
SCOTT L. JOHNSON, 0000
DAVID C. WELCH, 0000
TROY L. SHAFER, 0000
LOUIE C. PARKS, JR., 0000
BRIAN L. MELVIN, 0000
ANNE J. ODEGAARD, 0000
MICHAEL P. GROSS, 0000
ROXANNE TAMEZ, 0000
RICHARD D. MOLLOY, 0000
ALFORD L. DANZY, 0000
JEROME SURLLES, 0000
CARI M. FIELD, 0000
JASON M. KRAJEWSKI, 0000
SEAN M. KELLY, 0000
DANA M. CASWELL, 0000
JOHN B. HALL, 0000
DOMINIQUE T. SAMONTE, 0000
ROBERT D. MUTTO, 0000
ERIK J. JENSEN, 0000
KEVIN C. ULLRICH, 0000
FELIX E. DELGADO, 0000
JOHN F. BARRESI, 0000

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

BRUCE C. BROWN, 0000
SIMONE S. BRISCO, 0000
CHRISTOPHER T. ONEIL, 0000
TYRONE L. JONES, JR., 0000
ROBERT L. HELTON, 0000
ROBYN A. SHIVERS, 0000
KEELI S. DARST, 0000
SCOTT A. KLINKE, 0000
CAROLYN M. BEATTY, 0000
DAVID M. WEBB, 0000
ROSEMARY P. FIRESTINE, 0000
THERESA A. MORVAY, 0000
JOSEPH T. MCGILLEY, 0000
SUSAN M. MAITRE, 0000
LAURA E. KING, 0000
JENNIFER S. FALACY, 0000
MAGGIE A. MCGOWAN, 0000
KENNETH J. WASHINGTON, 0000
CRAIG M. JARAMILLO, 0000
BRUCE K. WALKER, 0000
FRANK J. FERRITO, 0000
DANIEL H. LYNAM, 0000
MICHAEL J. DAPONTE, 0000
THOMAS L. BOYLES, 0000
GEORGE A. RUWISCH, 0000
STEPHEN A. LOVE, 0000
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