

airport such as National right downtown. You can't do it.

So, therefore, I have thought for a long time that National Airport ought to be moved someplace further out in Virginia. It is true that we need an airport, but it ought to be either down 95 or out west someplace, outside the city, so you can put a 20-mile or so perimeter around this city into which no aircraft is allowed. And then you might have a good perimeter defense of Washington, DC.

But I have the sneaking suspicion that National Airport is being opened because it is convenient—convenient to the higher-ups in Government. It is convenient to us. It is convenient to me; personally, it is convenient. I love National Airport. It is 10, 15 minutes from my house. Otherwise, I have to drive to BWI or Dulles. But I have to put aside my convenience for what I think is the greater interest of this country.

There has been a lot of talk about how much money we put into National in upgrading it. It is a beautiful facility. But what would it cost to replace this Capitol? You could never do it. Or the White House or the Lincoln Memorial or the Jefferson Memorial or everything else that is so precious and almost sacred to our Nation?

So I disagree that somehow, if we kept it closed, it means the terrorists have won. I disagree. I think National ought to be opened somewhere else. There is plenty of open territory outside of Washington, DC, to the south and to the west. There are a lot of big areas out in Virginia. It would still be an economic income to the State of Virginia and the upper Virginia area. It is needed, but it is not needed where it is. So I wanted to register my concern about the reopening of National Airport, and, quite frankly, I don't think it should have been there in the first place. If you could turn the clock back, it should have been put somewhere else. Certainly, the amount of money that was put into upgrading it in the last few years, while it is a magnificent facility, I think was unwise. I said so

at the time and I say it again today. There are a lot of things that could be done with that facility there. Look at what they did with Inner Harbor at Baltimore. Just think what that would do for tourism with tourist attractions beside an airport.

I see it from two standpoints: First, the defense of Washington, DC, and having an adequate perimeter of defense; and, second, because of the type of approaches in and out of National, there is an inherent danger.

I wanted to register my concerns. I hope we will take another look at this issue and rebuild National Airport some other place farther outside the city.

Madam President, my time has expired. I yield the floor.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 3, 2001:

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. JOHN P. ABIZAID, 0000

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SICHAN SIV, OF TEXAS, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

##### PEACE CORPS

GADDI H. VASQUEZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS, VICE MARK L. SCHNEIDER, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

##### *To be captain*

BRYON ING, 0000

MICHAEL D VALERIO, 0000  
STEVEN D HARDY, 0000  
STEVE M SAWYER, 0000  
WILLIAM J UBERTI, 0000  
NORRIS E MERKLE, 0000  
BRIAN J FORD, 0000  
DOUGLAS B LANE, 0000  
BRUCE E VIEKMAN, 0000  
STEPHEN L SIELBECK, 0000  
RODRICK M ANSLEY, 0000  
EDWIN H DANIELS, 0000  
EVERETT F ROLLINS, 0000  
STEPHEN J DANSCUK, 0000  
PATRICK H STADT, 0000  
SCOTT D GENOVESE, 0000  
ROBERT E MOBLEY, 0000  
DANNY ELLIS, 0000  
GARY E DAHMEN, 0000  
RONALD W BRANCH, 0000  
RICHARD A MCCULLOUGH, 0000  
DANIEL A CUTRER, 0000  
WALTER J REGER, 0000  
HAROLD W FINCH, 0000  
ERIC J SHAW, 0000  
MARY E LANDRY, 0000  
KEVIN E DALE, 0000  
PAUL D JEWELL, 0000  
JACK V RUTZ, 0000  
DENNIS M HOLLAND, 0000  
MICHAEL A JETT, 0000  
WILLIAM D BAUMGARTNER, 0000  
LARRY R WHITE, 0000  
STEPHEN E MEHLING, 0000  
MICHAEL C GHIZZONI, 0000  
WILLIAM R MARHOFFER, 0000  
JAMES D MAES, 0000  
MICHAEL A NEUSSL, 0000  
GEORGE H HEINTZ, 0000  
JOSEPH W BRUBAKER, 0000  
MICHAEL D HUDSON, 0000  
KEVIN J CAVANAUGH, 0000  
GEORGE A ASSENG, 0000  
CHRISTINE J QUEDENS, 0000  
CHRISTOPHER D MILLS, 0000  
TIMOTHY V SKUBY, 0000  
HARRY E HAYNES, 0000  
DAVID J REGAN, 0000  
JEAN M BUTLER, 0000  
GARY M SMIALEK, 0000  
ROBERT E DAY, 0000  
MICHAEL D INMAN, 0000  
SHARON W FIJALKA, 0000  
IAN GRUNTHOR, 0000  
STEPHEN D AUSTIN, 0000  
DEREK H RIEKSTS, 0000  
THOMAS D HOOPER, 0000  
JAMES D BJOSTAD, 0000  
THOMAS P OSTEBRO, 0000  
DANIEL J MCCLELLAN, 0000

##### *To be commander*

JAMES R DIRE, 0000  
RICHARD W SANDERS, 0000  
JOSEPH E VORBACH, 0000

#### CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate October 3, 2001:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT W. JORDAN, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.