

and the United States. The emphasis should not be so much on formal structures, but on substance. The goal of this new framework would be to promote greater consultation and transparency among the countries.

The two emerging powers in this group—India and China—should be encouraged to set an example of cooperation for the rest of Asia. Such a system would also help them to realize that along with great power status comes responsibility. They must convince smaller nations of their peaceful intentions; they must act to strengthen, not weaken, international norms; and they must be seen as supporting an international environment that promotes peace and prosperity for all.

The "Gujral doctrine" demonstrates that India has the potential to mature into a responsible great power. As espoused by the previous Indian Prime Minister, this doctrine called for India, as the dominant power in South Asia, to go more than halfway in easing the fears of its smaller neighbors. I hope that the new Indian government will not stray from this far-sighted policy adopted by its predecessor.

The United States will need to take the lead in setting this regional security mechanism into motion. It could begin today with the President picking up the phone and speaking to the leaders of India, Russia, and Japan about the insights he gained from his trip to China and making arrangements to go to India.

Regular consultation among the key Asian countries could go a long way toward dispelling anxieties and suspicions. It would give everyone a stake in maintaining stability. It would provide an incentive for regional powers to work toward the settlement of long-standing disputes such as those over the Sino-Indian border, the Kurile islands, the Korean peninsula, and the South China Sea.

Key countries could be encouraged to share information about their armaments and defense budgets. If the other side does not have information, it will assume the worst. This inevitably leads to decisions and potentially dangerous cycles of action and reaction that are predicated upon assumptions that may be false.

Let me conclude. Devising a new approach to South Asia will not be easy, especially considering that it is being done in response to actions we don't approve of—namely, the Pakistan and Indian nuclear tests. But we have no choice, because the status quo is not an option.

We must show India and Pakistan that while we condemn their tests, we understand their security concerns and are willing to deal with them. If we don't devise a new approach, tensions will grow and South Asia's endemic security problems will undermine our long-term interests. And one thing is clear: South Asian security is becoming inseparable from Asian security.

And, of course, Asia matters to the United States. Despite recent economic setbacks, Asia will continue to be the most dynamic region into the next century. Our economic links will continue to grow. The regional balance of power and security perceptions will also undergo dramatic changes. I believe that we will need to find new mechanisms to preserve our security interests.

An effort that begins today in enlisting the key Asian powers in advancing our common objectives of peace, stability, and prosperity is one that could pay dividends far into the next century. Now is the time to begin. ●

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 442

Mr. GREGG. I ask unanimous consent that S. 442 be referred to the Com-

mittee on Finance and, further, if the bill has not been reported by July 30, it be automatically discharged from the Finance Committee and placed on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. GREGG. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment to H.R. 4112, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BYRD conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1998

Mr. GREGG. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2260, the Commerce-State-Justice appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. GREGG. For the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes on Wednesday, there will be potentially two back-to-back votes beginning at 9:40 a.m. In addition, I ask unanimous consent that following the stacked votes, Senator SESSIONS be recognized to offer an amendment relative to juvenile justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 1432

Mr. GREGG. I understand there is a bill at the desk awaiting its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 1432) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. GREGG. I object to further consideration of the bill at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. GREGG. The Senate will be in session late tomorrow in an effort to conclude the pending bill by the close of business tomorrow. Therefore, votes

will occur throughout the day and into the evening on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GREGG. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:55 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 21, 1998:

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2003, vice Velma Montoya, term expired.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Ritajean Hartung Butterworth, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004. (Reappointment)

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. BRUCE W. PIERATT.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, vice Robert M. Walker.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

John Melvin Yates, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Robert C. Randolph, of Washington, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, vice Margaret V. W. Carpenter, resigned.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Sylvia M. Mathews, of West Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, vice Jacob Joseph Lew.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

James A. Tassone, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years, vice Daniel J. Horgan.

Scott Richard Lassar, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years vice James B. Burns, resigned.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, vice Mary Lou Keener, resigned.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive messages transmitted by the President to the Senate on July 21,

1998, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW
COMMISSION

THOMASINA V. ROGERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2001, VICE DANIEL GUTTMAN, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 24, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BERNARD DANIEL ROSTKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE FREDERICK F. Y. PANG, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON APRIL 2, 1998.