

as the many Senators whose constituents have been impacted by catastrophic disasters over the past several years, to support this legislation and ensure its passage before the end of this session.●

#### NATIONAL OPTICIANS MONTH

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, January 1999 will be celebrated throughout the United States as National Opticians Month. I am pleased to inform my colleagues that one of my constituents, Gary R. Aiken of Minnetonka, Minnesota, is president of the Opticians Association of America, which is sponsoring the observance.

Nearly all Americans aged 65 or older require some help to see their best and sixty percent of Americans wear eyeglasses or contact lenses. Opticians, skilled in fitting and dispensing eyeglasses and contact lenses, provide the expert assistance we need to make the most of our vision. Technology has brought us literally thousands of possible combinations of eyeglass frames and lenses and an array of contact lenses. Dispensing opticians play a pivotal role in guiding eyewear customers to the combination which exactly fits their need.

Through formal education programs, voluntary national certification and mandatory licensing in many states, and programs of continuing education, dispensing opticians acquire the skills and competence to correctly, efficiently and effectively fill eyewear prescriptions. At the same time, retail opticians are an important part of our nation's small business community and provide the competitive balance which keeps eyewear affordable for all Americans.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the important role of dispensing opticians as they assist us all in making the most of our precious eyesight. I commend them for their efforts and congratulate Gary Aiken and the members of the Opticians Association of America for their accomplishments.●

#### MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to New York's Dr. Michael K. Simpson who last year completed ten years of service as President of Utica College at Syracuse University and is now President of the American University in Paris.

While at Utica, Dr. Simpson taught international relations, contemporary French politics, international law, the political economics of multinational corporations, macro- and micro-economics, and American foreign policy. He has also been a visiting professor at the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University and director of Syracuse's study center in Strasbourg, France.

In addition to his broad academic experience, Dr. Simpson has dedicated himself to the people of Oneida County,

New York. As the community representative and chairperson of the Health and Hospital Council of the Mohawk Valley from 1987-1992, he led that Council toward developing a hospital consolidation plan for four area hospitals. That succeeded in making quality health-care more accessible and affordable to local residents. Since 1988 he has been a trustee of The Savings Bank of Utica.

I have had the privilege to speak at three commencements in which Michael Simpson participated—at his graduation from Fordham College in 1970 when he earned his bachelor's degree, at Syracuse University in 1983 upon receipt of his M.B.A., and during his tenure as Utica College President.

With great admiration and gratitude I commend Dr. Simpson for his commitment to excellence in education and his service to his fellow citizens of New York. I wish him all the best on his sojourn in Paris.●

#### TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui, Vice President Lien Chan and the people of the Republic of China today, on their National Day.

Taiwan has continued to prosper economically even in the face of the Asian financial crisis. As the world's fourteenth largest economic entity, Taiwan plays a significant role in global trade and Asian economies. With its per capita income of \$13,000 US dollars, Taiwan provides an important market for American consumer goods.

In addition to its economic successes, Taiwan has embarked upon a democratic course resulting in a pluralistic society which enjoys basic democratic rights and freedoms including freedom of the press and direct elections for the president and other officials.

The people of Taiwan and its leadership should be very proud of the successes that they have achieved. I congratulate them on this special day.●

#### PRIVATE RELIEF BILLS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I am pleased that key members of the Senate have agreed to pass all the pending private relief bills in one package and send it over to the House.

I would like to thank the principals who have been involved in this effort, Senators HATCH, ABRAHAM, LEAHY and KENNEDY. This package will include my bill to help Vova Malofienko.

Let me tell you a little about Vova Malofienko and his family. Vova was born in Chernigov, Ukraine, just 30 miles from the Chernobyl nuclear reactor.

In 1986, when he was just two, the reactor exploded and he was exposed to high levels of radiation. He was diagnosed with leukemia in June 1990, shortly before his sixth birthday.

Through the efforts of the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund, Vova and his

mother came to the United States with seven other children to attend Paul Newman's "Hole in the Wall" camp in Connecticut.

While in this country, Vova was able to receive extensive cancer treatment and chemotherapy. In November of 1992, his cancer went into remission.

Regrettably, the other children from Chernobyl were not as fortunate. They returned to the Ukraine and they died one by one because of inadequate cancer treatment. Not a child survived.

The air, food, and water in the Ukraine are still contaminated with radiation and are perilous to those like Vova who have a weakened immune system.

Additionally, cancer treatment available in the Ukraine is not as sophisticated as treatment available in the United States.

Although Vova completed his chemotherapy in 1992, he continues to need medical follow-up on a consistent basis, including physical examinations, lab work and radiological examinations to assure early detection and prompt and appropriate therapy in the unfortunate event the leukemia recurs.

Because of his perilous medical condition, Vova and his family have done everything possible to remain in the United States. Since 1992, they have obtained a number of visa extensions, and I have helped them with their efforts.

In March of 1997, the last time the Malofienkos visas were expiring, I appealed to the INS and the family was given what I was told would be final one-year extension.

So we have a family battling for over six years now, to stay in this country. And why? So that they can save the life of their child, Vova.

Because of the compelling circumstances of their case, I introduced S. 1460, which was approved unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

After I introduced that bill, Senator ABRAHAM, in his capacity as Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, requested a report from the INS and that stayed any further INS proceedings.

But at the end of this Congress they would be subject to deportation. That is why I have worked so hard to get this bill passed this session of Congress.

This family has endured enough. They cannot have the threat of deportation hanging over their heads. They are dealing with enough trauma from Vova's cancer.

I wish my colleagues could meet Vova—then they would understand why I feel so strongly about this case. He is truly a remarkable young man.

Throughout his battle against cancer, he has been an inspiration. He has been an honors student at Millburn Middle School, and he is an eloquent spokesperson for children with cancer. He has rallied the community and helped bring out the best in everyone. His dedication, grace, and dignity provide an outstanding example, not just to young people, but to all Americans.

Again, I want to thank Senators HATCH, ABRAHAM, LEAHY and KENNEDY for their diligence.

I hope that we will pass this package on Monday and send it to the House and then the President. Then, Vova can continue his fight in the safety of United States.●

RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 1998

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Monday at 2 p.m.

Thereupon, at 4:10 p.m., the Senate recessed until Monday, October 12, 1998, at 2 p.m.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 10, 1998:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES C. BURDICK, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. WALTER R. ERNST II, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. BRUCE W. MACLANE, 2001.  
BRIG. GEN. PAUL A. POCHMARA, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. MASON C. WHITNEY, 0000.

#### To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN H. BUBAR, 0000.  
COL. VERA D. FAIRCHILD, 0000.  
COL. ROBERT I. GRUBER, 0000.  
COL. MICHAEL J. HAUGEN, 0000.  
COL. WALTER L. HODGEN, 0000.  
COL. LARRY V. LUNT, 0000.  
COL. WILLIAM J. LUTZ, 0000.  
COL. STANLEY L. PRUETT, 0000.  
COL. WILLIAM K. RICHARDSON, 0000.  
COL. RAVINDRAA F. SHAH, 0000.  
COL. HARRY A. SIEBEN, JR., 0000.

COL. EDWARD N. STEVENS, 0000.  
COL. MERLE S. THOMAS, 0000.  
COL. STEVEN W. THU, 0000.  
COL. FRANK E. TOBEL, 0000.

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. HARRY A. CURRY, 0000.

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

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL A. CANAVAN, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED 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. JOHN M. SCHUSTER, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE SERVING AS THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL IMAGERY AND MAPPING AGENCY DESIGNATED AS A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 441 AND 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JAMES C. KING, 0000.

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

MAJ. GEN. EDWIN P. SMITH, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ANTHONY R. JONES, 0000.

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

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL L. DODSON, 0000.

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

MAJ. GEN. RANDALL L. RIGBY, JR., 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JERALD N. ALBRECHT, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. WESLEY A. BEAL, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM N. KIEFER, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM B. RAINES, JR., 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. JOHN L. SCOTT, 0000.  
BRIG. GEN. RICHARD O. WIGHTMAN, JR., 0000.

#### To be brigadier general

COL. ANTONY D. DICORLETO, 2049.  
COL. GERALD D. GRIFFIN, 0000.  
COL. TIMOTHY M. HAAKE, 0000.  
COL. JOSEPH C. JOYCE, 0000.  
COL. CARLOS D. PAIR, 0000.  
COL. PAUL D. PATRICK, 0000.  
COL. GEORGE W. PETTY, JR., 0000.  
COL. GEORGE W. S. READ, 0000.  
COL. JOHN W. WEISS, 0000.

#### NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARIANNE B. DREW, 0000.

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

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. SCOTT A. FRY, 0000.

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

#### To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. PATRICIA A. TRACEY, 0000.

#### IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MICHAEL C. AARON, AND ENDING RICHARD G. \* ZOLLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1998.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MATTHEW L. KAMBIC, AND ENDING JAMES G. PIERCE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JEFFREY M. DUNN, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1998.

#### IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL C. GARD, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1998.

NAVY NOMINATION OF THOMAS E. KATANA, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1998.