

The President announced Monday morning that he and President Putin will sign a new treaty to deal with the nuclear weapons left from the cold war.

The treaty limits the United States and Russia to no more than 1,700-2,200 deployed weapons by 2012.

Any time we can get an agreement to reduce the number of nuclear weapons deployed in the world, that is a positive step, and I commend the President for taking it.

But there are a still a series of questions about that treaty that need to be answered. Does it require destruction of any existing nuclear weapons? Does it include provisions to secure Russian stockpiles? Does it spell out a transparent timetable for when each side must reduce the number of deployed weapons to the agreed upon level? Does it include any new verification provisions? And lastly, does it address the issue of tactical nuclear weapons?

I hope the President will use this historic trip to address these questions, which go to the heart of one of the principal security threats the United States faces today—the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the potential for those weapons to fall into the hands of terrorists.

So let's send the President off on this important trip with the important message contained in H.R. 3167—that we want to continue to remake and improve our relations with the whole of Europe, including Russia.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3167, and ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD a copy of a letter, dated March 20, that Senator LOTT and I sent to the Romanian Prime Minister, and a letter to me from President Bush, dated April 11, on the same.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, DC, March 20, 2002.

His Excellency ADRIAN NASTASE,
Prime Minister, 1, Victoriei Square,
District 1, Bucharest, ROMANIA.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: We write to congratulate you on convening this important meeting with the other Prime Ministers of Europe's new democracies. It is an important stepping stone to the NATO summit in Prague next November.

At a time when the United States and its allies are engaged in a global war on terrorism, we are grateful for the support that you and your colleagues have provided. Americans remember who their true friends and allies are at times of war. The threat we face is a shared one, and we appreciate and value the substantial political, economic and military contributions that the countries represented in Bucharest are making to the coalition effort in Afghanistan and around the world. You are demonstrating in practice that you want to be allies of the United States. It is indeed a "Spring of New Allies."

At the NATO Summit in Prague in November, Alliance heads-of-state will be making an important decision about continuing the process of NATO enlargement. We want to take this opportunity to reiterate that NATO enlargement has enjoyed and continues to enjoy bipartisan support in the United States Senate. It is an issue that unites Democrats and Republicans.

We therefore look forward to the Prague summit and the opportunity to take the next step in building a Europe whole and free in alliance with the United States. We urge you and your colleagues to continue to work hard and devote the necessary resources to making your countries the strongest possible candidates. As President Bush put it in Warsaw last June, our vision is to extend the zone of democracy and security to as many qualified countries as possible from the Baltic to the Black Sea, including, as our allies in Greece and Turkey have argued, the important Southern dimension. The terrorist attacks of September 11th have only underscored the need to consolidate the peace on the continent so that North America and Europe can focus their energies on the new threats of the 21st century.

Mr. Prime Minister, once again, we commend you and your colleagues for your contributions to a strong, dynamic and more secure North Atlantic community. Working together we are confident that we can attain our collective vision of a Europe whole and free.

TOM DASCHLE.
TRENT LOTT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 11, 2002.

Hon. THOMAS A. DASCHLE,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. LEADER: I have seen the letter you and Senator Lott sent to Romanian Prime Minister Nastase for the Bucharest Summit of the Vilnius-10 countries. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

I strongly agree that NATO enlargement has been, and should remain, a bipartisan issue. We must work together on this. I noted the importance you place on the southern European candidate countries.

We have an historic opportunity to intensify reforms and consolidate freedom in nations that were once behind the Iron Curtain. We can do this while building a new NATO-Russia relationship. This is an opportunity that we cannot afford to miss.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, of course, we agree with the Senator from Virginia. That is the purpose of this debate, to draw the attention of this Senate to a momentous decision that is to come. We must examine both armed services and foreign relations, and we pledge to do so, and the criteria of each of the countries. NATO is important. It must succeed. Therefore, we ask support for this resolution our President has asked us to give him.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) would vote "no."

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr.

ENZI), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHISON) the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 85, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 116 Leg.]

YEAS—85

Akaka	Dodd	Lott
Allard	Dorgan	Lugar
Allen	Durbin	McConnell
Baucus	Edwards	Mikulski
Bayh	Ensign	Murray
Bennett	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bingaman	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Bond	Frist	Reed
Boxer	Graham	Reid
Breaux	Gramm	Rockefeller
Brownback	Grassley	Santorum
Bunning	Hagel	Sarbanes
Burns	Harkin	Schumer
Byrd	Hatch	Sessions
Campbell	Hollings	Shelby
Cantwell	Hutchison	Smith (OR)
Carnahan	Inouye	Snowe
Carper	Jeffords	Specter
Chafee	Johnson	Stabenow
Cleland	Kennedy	Thomas
Clinton	Kerry	Kohl
Cochran	Kohl	Kyl
Collins	Kyl	Landrieu
Corzine	Landrieu	Leahy
Crapo	Leahy	Levin
Daschle	Levin	Lieberman
Dayton	Lieberman	Lincoln
DeWine	Lincoln	

NAYS—6

Craig	Roberts	Stevens
Inhofe	Smith (NH)	Warner

NOT VOTING—9

Conrad	Gregg	McCain
Domenici	Helms	Miller
Enzi	Hutchinson	Murkowski

The bill (H.R. 3167) was passed.

Mr. LUGAR. I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, all week long the average length of time it has taken to have a vote has exceeded 30 minutes. That is just too long. There is no way we are going to continue to accomplish as much as we need to accomplish before the end of next week if we have to be spending 30 and 40 minutes on a vote. We are going to have to start cutting off this time more aggressively. I want to put all colleagues on notice that we are not going to tolerate the extent to which our good will is violated as these amendments are voted upon.

Please come over and vote within the 15 or 20 minutes allotted for the vote. Extending it twice as long is just unacceptable and a real disservice to all our colleagues who are waiting to do their work.

Madam President, as I said, we have all day today and all day on Monday for Senators to offer amendments. I know Senator DORGAN is waiting to offer an amendment. There will be other Senators who will come to the floor.

The authors of the steel amendment have kindly accepted our suggestion to set aside their amendment in order to accommodate other Senators who wish to have their amendments offered. I think it is very important that we use these days for full consideration of other amendments.

It is my intention at this point to file cloture on the bill on Monday in order to have a cloture vote on Wednesday. So amendments will have to be disposed of prior to Wednesday.

It is my expectation that we will be taking up a supplemental appropriations bill, in consultation of course with Senator BYRD, before the end of next week. There is no way we can do that unless we bring our debate on this bill to a successful close.

So we have a lot of work to do next week. We want to finish the bill. We want to finish the supplemental bill. We may take up other issues as well, including some reference to the budget. So it is necessary that we use the days between now and then to the maximum degree possible.

I urge Senators to come over and have their amendments considered. Senator REID will be here, and other members of the leadership, but primarily Senator REID, who has offered to offer the amendments on behalf of Senators who may have travel schedules that will not accommodate their offering of amendments. So there is no reason these amendments cannot be offered. Senator REID will be here to offer them or Senators can come and offer them themselves. But all day today and all day Monday we are open for business and we are determined to use these days to the maximum degree possible.

I thank my colleagues for what I think has been a very productive week on this bill. Their cooperation has been very catalytic in bringing about the final days of debate on the bill—with the one exception that we are spending too much time on the votes themselves.

I yield the floor.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 2179

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 375, S. 2179, that the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LOTT. Reserving the right to object, this legislation was just called to

my attention. We have not had a chance to review it and to do a hotline on it to see if there are any problems with it. It looks like something we will be able to clear, but at this time we have not had a chance to do that so I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mrs. CARNAHAN. I find it unbelievable that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would object to a bill, unanimously passed by the Judiciary Committee, to honor the law enforcement and public safety officers who risk their lives daily to keep us safe. The bill I introduced provides a small amount of money to honor those who have been injured or killed in the line of duty. As we celebrate Police Officers Memorial Week, it is troubling to me that anyone would want to deny them the recognition that they are due.

I hope whoever is blocking this bill from passing will reconsider their opposition and let us honor these brave men and women.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, there is a process of doing legislation in the Senate. This was just reported, as I understand it, yesterday. I made the point I had not had a chance to review it at all.

I note we should honor, in whatever way possible, men and women who have fallen in the line of duty as law enforcement and public safety officers. But just looking at this preliminarily, it provides Federal grants to States, local governments, and Indian tribes to establish permanent tributes to honor men and women who are killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers. We have had that happen in my home community. Policemen and highway patrolmen have lost their lives. We should honor them. We should do that locally and privately.

For the Federal Government to encourage and maybe to participate is worth considering, but there is a principle here. I am not sure it is one that we want to just approve without having a chance to take a closer look at it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORZINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE
EXPANSION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 3009, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Baucus/Grassley amendment No. 3401, in the nature of a substitute.

Rockefeller amendment No. 3433 (to amendment No. 3401), to provide a 1-year eligibility period for steelworker retirees and eligible beneficiaries affected by a qualified closing of a qualified steel company for assistance with health insurance coverage and interim assistance.

Daschle amendment No. 3434 (to amendment No. 3433), to clarify that steelworker retirees and eligible beneficiaries are not eligible for other trade adjustment assistance unless they would otherwise be eligible for that assistance.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the Rockefeller amendment No. 3433:

Jay Rockefeller, Paul Wellstone, Barbara Mikulski, Charles Shumer, Edward Kennedy, Joseph Lieberman, Richard J. Durbin, John F. Kerry, Barbara Boxer, Harry Reid, Tom Daschle, Christopher J. Dodd, Thomas R. Carper, Paul Sarbanes, Jon Corzine, Patrick Leahy, Debbie Stabenow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business on Monday, May 20, the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 21; that on Tuesday, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business until 9:30 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that at 9:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3009, and there be 90 minutes of debate with respect to the cloture motion on the steel amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture at 11 a.m., with the mandatory quorum required under rule XXII being waived, without intervening action or debate; provided further, that the Senate recess on Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., for the respective party conference meetings.