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>*16 CLIMATE CHANGE: CHAFEE MAKES PITCH TO MANUFACTURERS

> Senate Environment Committee Chair John Chafee (R-RI) "is
>trying to enlist factory owners" in an effort to reduce
>greenhouse-gas emissions (Paul Leavitt, USA Today, 7/29).
> Speaking yesterday in Rhode Island to the National Assn. of
>Manufacturers, Chafee said improving industrial processes to use
>less energy can boost productivity, profitability and
>competitiveness. He said the scientific evidence indicating a
>global-warming trend has become "ever stronger" and added his
>hope that international negotiators will craft a treaty with
>"realistic, achievable and flexible but binding emissions targets
>for signatory nations."
> The senator also called for "joint implementation" programs,
>which would allow industrial nations to meet part of their
>emissions-reduction obligations by reducing emissions or
>enhancing forest "sinks" in developing countries, where costs are
>lower (CongressDaily/A.M., 7/29).
> The seventh round of talks aimed at producing a climate-
>change treaty convene in Bonn, Germany, from 7/31 through 8/7.
>Key issues at this point include targets and timetables for
>emissions reductions; the degree of flexibility nations will have
>in achieving them; and the extent to which nations may have
>differing targets (UN Environment Program release, 7/28).

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>*17 CLIMATE CHANGE II: SCIENTISTS PONDER CLOUDS AND ICE

> Aircraft contrails "may be inducing enough extra cloudiness
>over heavily traveled Northern Hemisphere regions to
>significantly warm the ground below."
> Patrick Minnis, an atmospheric scientist at the NASA Langley
>Research Center in Hampton, VA, last year conducted satellite
>observations of aircraft contrails, finding "solid evidence" that
>they induce much more cirrus-cloud coverage than previously
>thought. Since cirrus clouds tend to be "climate warmers,"
>Minnis calculates they may cause as much as two-thirds of the
>warming that has "already" been attributed to carbon-dioxide
>buildup in the atmosphere over the last century. But scientists
>need to do further research to determine what's going on, the
>Christian Science Monitor reports (Robert Cowen, 7/29).
> ALASKAN GLACIER IN RETREAT
> "North America's largest glacier is melting fast, and

