

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on June 2, 1998, at 11 to 2 p.m. in Hart 216 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the sessions of the Senate on Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3, 1998, to conduct an oversight hearing on the programs and operations of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services to meet on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at 2 p.m. for a hearing on the "International Postal Services Act of 1998."

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STATEWIDE PLANNING PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I ask that a letter to the majority and minority leaders on statewide planning provisions contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century be printed in the RECORD. The letter describes an integral component of the legislative package pertaining to statewide planning provisions that was agreed to by the chairmen and ranking members of the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The letter follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, June 2, 1998.

Hon. TRENT LOTT,
Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

Hon. THOMAS A. DASCHLE,
Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LOTT AND SENATOR DASCHLE: The Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs share jurisdiction over Section 135 of Title 23,

United States Code. This title provides for the development of transportation plans and programs, including highways and mass transportation, that serve all areas of a State efficiently and effectively. We are writing to request unanimous consent for sequential referral of any legislation that amends, modifies or deletes any statewide planning provision contained within this title.

Although jurisdiction is shared, our respective committees have reached agreement that these joint planning provisions appear only in Title 23. Therefore, it is requested that you propound an unanimous consent agreement that:

(1) If and when the Committee on Environment and Public Works reports legislation that amends, modifies, deletes, or in any way affects transit provisions contained within section 135 of title 23, United States Code, it be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for a period not to exceed 20 session days of the Senate; and that if not reported by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by that time it be discharged and placed on the Senate Calendar.

(2) If and when the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs reports legislation that amends, modifies, deletes, or in any way affects highway transportation provisions contained within section 135 of title 23, United States Code, it be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works for a period not to exceed 20 session days of the Senate; and that if not reported by the Committee on Environment and Public Works by that time, it be discharged and placed on the Senate Calendar.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

ALFONSE M. D'AMATO,
Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PAUL S. SARBANES,
Ranking Member, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

JOHN H. CHAFEE,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MAX S. BAUCUS,
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY MOONEY-KEITH

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special South Dakotan—Mary Mooney-Keith.

On July 1, 1998, Mary Mooney-Keith, of Rapid City, South Dakota will retire after many years of diligent service for the school children of South Dakota. Mary is retiring to a lifestyle where hopefully someone can serve her just like all the years she served children through her wonderful food service career.

Mary's outstanding food service career allowed her to demonstrate her knowledge, leadership, and passion for nutrition at all levels. From her work at the small school district of Faith, South Dakota to her service at Meade, South Dakota (one of the largest geo-

graphical districts in the nation), to her role at the South Dakota Child and Adult Nutrition Services, Mary always strived to make it her goal to make the school nutrition program the best possible.

Mary's nutrition expertise did not stop in the classroom. She also was very active in the School Food Service Association at the local, state, and national levels. She held elected offices at all levels within the Association—including Midwest Regional Director.

Mary's passion for child nutrition came through in her teaching style. She wasn't the teacher who went in and just talked to her students. Instead, she went to a clown school in Wisconsin during the summers and developed Mario the Clown" to assist with her instruction.

Mary is the type of person whose career may not have made her famous or wealthy. But, for 32 years, Mary Mooney-Keith taught our most precious citizens, our school children, one of the most important lessons in life—good nutrition. And, the greatest thing about it all, she lived her life with one basic principle that sometimes we all forget, to simply be yourself."

I am proud of Mary Mooney-Keith and offer her my best wishes in her upcoming retirement.●

TOM WHITTAKER REACHES EVEREST SUMMIT

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate a former Idahoan on his successful climb of the world's tallest peak.

Mr. President, last month I reported to the Senate a story of my constituents who were climbing Mount Everest. While the climb is not a new adventure to the world, the climbers are. A group of disabled Idahoans, led by former Idahoan Tom Whittaker, successfully reached the base camp of the Everest peak on May 19. On May 27 Tom continued on to the summit with another group, becoming the world's first amputee to reach the top.

Tom had fallen ill the week prior to his final ascent; however, he would not be deprived of his ultimate goal. He had tried unsuccessfully to make the climb twice in the past, but was forced back by bad weather. This time, at the Everest website, climbers from around the world are congratulating Tom on his achievement, writing, "May his success inspire you to follow your dreams and know that your abilities are far more important than your disabilities, whatever they may be."

I would like to share that sentiment with America today. Tom did not get to his goal without hard work and sacrifice. He did not succeed on the first try. But he would not be denied his dream, and in my mind, Tom Whittaker has set an example to be emulated by all.●