

we have led the Antitrust Subcommittee, each taking our turns as chairman and ranking member. Thanks to MIKE's honesty, candor, and cooperative nature, we have forged a productive bipartisan partnership as we have worked to promote competition in many vital sectors of our Nation's economy.

This productive, bipartisan working relationship has been a hallmark of Senator DEWINE's leadership of the Antitrust Subcommittee since he assumed the chairmanship of the committee in 1997. From the beginning, he reached out to me and established our tradition of setting our agenda jointly, planning our hearings together, and even sponsoring legislation and writing letters to the administration jointly. We tackled together such thorny issues as encouraging competition in telecommunications, health care, the oil and gas, and airline industries, investigating dozens of important mergers ranging from AOL/Time Warner to ATT/Bell South, and pursuing anti-trust reform legislation. While we have not always agreed on every issue that came before our subcommittee although I am happy to say we agreed more often than not—MIKE DEWINE and I always agreed that we should put partisanship aside and accomplishing practical results for the American people first.

On a personal note, our close working relationship has caused me to come to know MIKE DEWINE very well. I have come learn that MIKE is a sober-minded, hard working, and caring person. In my career, I have been privileged to know and work with a few distinguished Members of this Chamber whom I can truly call statesmen, leaders, and friends. MIKE DEWINE is one of them. He will be missed.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the great service of retiring Senators PAUL SARBANES, MARK DAYTON, and JAMES JEFFORDS.

Senator SARBANES' service in the Senate stretches back three decades. First elected in 1977, he had previously served as a Congressman and before that as a delegate in the Maryland State House. I have been so grateful to the Senator for his advice and his work in this Chamber.

Senator SARBANES is the son of immigrants from Laconia, Greece, and he has often spoken about the pride that he has for his Greek heritage, as well as the inspiration that he draws from it through his work in the Senate. His parents instilled in him a reverence for the principles of democracy and a respect for the values of opportunity and fairness. He has championed these values throughout his life in public service, passing important legislation to reform the accounting industry, the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, among many other legislative accomplishments.

I want to thank Senator SARBANES and his dedicated staff for their extensive and laudable work on the surface transportation reauthorization bill and

in particular for their tireless efforts to ensure our Nation's transit systems are adequately funded. With so much congestion on our roads it is critical that we continue to invest in our trains, buses, ferries, and other modes of transportation to reduce congestion and reduce travel times. Senator SARBANES did this work in his role as ranking member of the Banking Committee, and millions of people everyday—especially in New York—who ride trains and buses to and from work should be grateful that we had him on our side for so many years.

I could stand here for a long time singing the praises and accomplishments of Senator SARBANES after a long and distinguished career in the Senate. I will end by saying this: We will miss him and he has left his mark on this great Chamber.

I will also express a fond farewell to Senator DAYTON.

It has been an honor to serve on the Armed Services Committee with Senator DAYTON.

He has done a wonderful job for the people of Minnesota. In his time in the Senate Senator DAYTON worked hard to live up to the legend of Senator Wellstone, to honor the values that Senator Wellstone championed in this body.

One example: I was grateful to Senator DAYTON for his support of the Non-traditional Student Success Act, a piece of legislation to help more people attend college while working and raising families—to open the doors of opportunity wider for more and more Americans.

I am grateful to MARK DAYTON for his work to honor his values, and I know he leaves this body having made the people of Minnesota proud.

I will also say a few words about Senator JEFFORDS.

Senator JEFFORDS has ably represented Vermonters here in the Congress for decades. In doing so, he has reflected the independent spirit of Vermonters, and no more so than when he took the courageous step in 2001 to become an Independent and caucus with the Democrats.

Since that time, I have had the great pleasure of working with Senator JEFFORDS on the Environment and Public Works Committee. His tenure at that committee was a fitting capstone to his career, as he has long been focused on environmental protection.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Senator JEFFORDS has been a strong advocate of renewable energy. In many ways, he has been ahead of his time. In 1990, he introduced a bill to promote ethanol and other alternative fuels, and nearly 10 years ago he introduced legislation to create a 20-percent renewable portfolio standard. During his tenure first as chairman, and then as ranking member of the EPW committee, he has been a strong and clear voice for a cleaner environment.

He has been an ally and a champion of reducing pollution from power-

plants, fighting global warming, and making our buildings more energy efficient. And he has worked hard to hold the administration to task for numerous rollbacks of our landmark environmental laws. During his tenure on the committee, Senator JEFFORDS has been ably assisted by a staff led by Ken Connolly and Alison Taylor. I thank them and Senator JEFFORDS' entire staff for their assistance to me and my staff.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the final EPW meeting this week, but I understand that Senator JEFFORDS announced that he is returning home to Vermont, and described home as "the place you can go where they have to take you in."

I know that Vermont will welcome Senator JEFFORDS back with open arms, and I know that he will always have a home away from home here in the Senate.

Finally, I also wish the very best to my Republican colleagues who will leave the Senate at the conclusion of this Congress. The Senate, at its best, is a body that promotes bipartisanship, deliberation, and cooperation, and the dedication to shared values. It has been a privilege to work with my departing colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING MARY ARNOLD

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, as we approach this Christmas season, our joy is tempered by sorrow over the loss in late November of one of our Senate family members. The sorrow is borne of shock and loss as we mourn the sudden departure from this earthly life of our dear friend, Mary Miller Arnold. Yet, as we grieve, we must also give thanks for her life and for the enrichment she brought to all of the lives she touched.

It has been my honor and privilege to have served in the U.S. Senate for nearly 50 years. During this time, I have come to greatly appreciate and revere the work of the staff of the U.S. Senate. These wonderful women and men play a sometimes invisible but always crucial role in the work of the Senate. They are dedicated, professional public servants who work long and unpredictable hours. When the Senate is in session, their families' lives suffer and their social lives are almost nonexistent.

These are noble people who contribute to the history of our country every day, but, sadly, they will rarely be mentioned in the history books. Yet their lives are perfect examples of humble attention to duty and service. Such a life was Mary Arnold's.

I came to know Mary from her previous positions in the U.S. Senate and to appreciate her work as well as to like her personally. I was pleased and proud to have the opportunity to appoint Mary Arnold to her position as a Senate doorkeeper when I was the Senate majority leader, September 1, 1987. She did not disappoint. One year later

she was promoted to doorkeeper supervisor.

Mary Arnold carried out her responsibilities superbly and with distinction, in just the same way she conducted her life. She worked professionally, energetically, and with dignity. She was a caring, thoughtful, and very special person. Everyone who worked with her loved her. Selflessness was the hallmark of Mary Arnold's personality. She was kind, thoughtful, polite, with a kind of old-world graciousness not seen so often these days. Mary exuded grace in this often graceless age. A tall woman, Mary had a quiet sense of authority about her which served her well on the Senate floor. Her elegant bearing commanded respect, and she knew just how to compel without offending. I admired her.

To me, Mary was a dear friend. I shall never forget her kindness to my dear wife Erma. Especially at Christmas, a season Mary really enjoyed, Mary's love for her friends and family lighted our lives and set her apart. She fairly glowed as she made her Christmas visitations with thoughtful notes and gifts which she must have spent hours preparing. She was a red rose among the pale lilies, and her memory will ever warm our hearts.

Her passing is a loss to the Senate, her community, and, of course, her family.

To her loving husband of 48 years, Edwin, and her children, Mary Elizabeth and Edwin, our hearts and prayers are with you.

Take comfort in knowing that Mary is now in the embrace of an all-loving God. As the Scriptures assure us:

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (KJV, Revelations 21:4)

THE ROSE STILL GROWS BEYOND THE WALL
Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by the morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.
Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride.
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.
The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Spreading its fragrance more and more.
Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive:
The rose still grows beyond the wall.
Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in the days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.

SCENT OF THE ROSES

Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;
that come, in the night-time of sorrow and care,

And bring back the features that joy used to wear.

Long, long be my heart with such memories filled,

Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled,

You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang around it still."

—Thomas Moore

RETIREMENT OF MR. ANTHONY J. "TONY" ZAGAMI

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I rise to announce the retirement of a longtime public servant and former staff member of the U.S. Senate. After 40 years of Federal service, Anthony J. "Tony" Zagami will retire as the longest serving general counsel in the history of the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Tony arrived on Capitol Hill just as I was completing my first term in the Senate. Before Tony's arrival, I had the privilege of knowing and working with his late father, Dino, a member of the Senate's Official Reporters of Debates staff. Dino retired in the early 1970s, while Tony went on to serve the Congress, moving to the GPO in 1990.

Over the years, Tony Zagami became a valued and trusted staff member of the Congress in many different capacities. His strong skills and commitment to public service were well recognized, not just on the Hill but also throughout the legislative branch. As he departs the GPO for a well-deserved retirement, I thank him for his service and wish him all the best.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SENATE RULES COMMITTEE POLICY FOR THE USE OF SENATE ROOMS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am taking this opportunity to announce that in accordance with title V of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Committee intends to update the Policy for Use of Senate Rooms.

Based on the Committee's review of the policy for use of Senate Rooms, the following changes to these policies have been adopted effective today, December 7, 2006. The changes are designed to streamline communications between the Rules Committee and Senate offices and to clarify the rules governing the use of Senate rooms.

Set forth below is the policy for the use of Senate rooms.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the material be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

POLICY REGULATIONS FOR USE OF SENATE ROOMS

Appendix E. Policy for Use of Senate Rooms, The Russell Rotunda & Courtyard, The Hart Atrium, The Great Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center, and The Capitol Rotunda

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over assign-

ment and use of space in the Senate Office Buildings, the Senate Wing of the Capitol, which includes the Senate Wing of the Capitol Visitor Center, and the Courtyard of the Russell Building. While rooms may be occupied or administered by other offices or Committees, they are subject to the Rules Committee policy for the use of Senate rooms.

The following regulations have been established for use by all offices in the assignment of their rooms.

Any requests, conditions or circumstances not covered by these regulations must be submitted in writing to the Senate Rules Committee for its consideration.

1. Booking a Senate Event Room

Rooms are available for Senate-related business only.

The Senator or Officer sponsoring the function is expected to be in attendance.

Any requests or circumstances not covered by these room regulations must be submitted to the Rules Committee in writing for consideration.

Requests for the use of any space in the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate Wing of the Capitol, including the Senate wing of the Capitol Visitor Center, must be made by a Senator or Officer of the Senate.

All requests for room reservations must be submitted to the Senate Rules Committee on the official room request form provided by Rules Committee. All required fields on the form must be completed.

The requesting Senator's or Officer's signature must appear on the room request form.

Specific and accurate information must be provided including the date and time of the event, full name of any organization or group involved (no acronyms), a complete description of the function and its purpose, number of people attending, type of set up required, and indication of catering needs. A Senate staff contact name and telephone number is required.

Each office may designate up to two staff members who will be authorized to submit room requests on behalf of a Senator or Officer of the Senate.

Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Room requests may be made up to a maximum of 3 months in advance.

The Senate Rules Committee will not discuss room availability prior to submission of an official room request form.

Requests for rooms are subject to approval by the Rules Committee and availability of space. The Senate Rules Committee will provide a written or an e-mail response to all submitted requests. A room reservation is not confirmed until written or e-mail confirmation has been received.

Upon receipt of confirmation of a room reservation, Senators and Officers must provide outside groups, who are hosting a function in Senate space, with a copy of the Official Guidelines for Use of Senate Space, a fact sheet prepared by the Senate Rules Committee and available on the Rules Committee web site.

Room reservation information is available to Senate staff only. Offices requesting rooms are responsible for all communications with outside groups. The Senate Rules Committee will not discuss events, event arrangements, or room availability with outside groups.

To accommodate the room requests of all Senators and Committees, an outside group may not reserve a room more than once in a calendar month.

Rooms may not be "held" on a tentative basis.

Cancellations should be reported immediately to the Senate Rules Committee.