

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.