

hours in advance for his or her examination to be in closed or open session. The Chairman shall inform the Committee of any such request.

3. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER. No record made of a closed session, or material declared confidential by a majority of the Committee, or report of the proceedings of a closed session, shall be made public, in whole or in part or by way of summary, unless specifically authorized by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member.

IV. BROADCASTING

1. CONTROL. Any meeting or hearing open to the public may be covered by television, radio, or still photography. Such coverage must be conducted in an orderly and unobtrusive manner, and the Chairman may for good cause terminate such coverage in whole or in part, or take such other action to control it as the circumstances may warrant.

2. REQUEST. A witness may request of the Chairman, on grounds of distraction, harassment, personal safety, or physical discomfort, that during his or her testimony cameras, media microphones, and lights shall not be directed at him or her.

V. QUORUMS AND VOTING

1. REPORTING. A majority shall constitute a quorum for reporting a resolution, recommendation or report to the Senate.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS. A third shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of Committee business, other than a final vote on reporting, providing a minority Member is present.

3. HEARINGS. One Member shall constitute a quorum for the receipt of evidence, the swearing of witnesses, and the taking of testimony at hearings.

4. POLLING:

(a) SUBJECTS. The Committee may poll (1) internal Committee matters including those concerning the Committee's staff, records, and budget; (2) other Committee business which has been designated for polling at a meeting.

(b) PROCEDURE. The Chairman shall circulate polling sheets to each Member specifying the matter being polled and the time limit for completion of the poll. If any Member so requests in advance of the meeting, the matter shall be held for meeting rather than being polled. The clerk shall keep a record of polls. If the Chairman determines that the polled matter is one of the areas enumerated in Rule III(1), the record of the poll shall be confidential. Any Member may request a Committee meeting following a poll for a vote on the polled decision.

VI. INVESTIGATIONS

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTIGATIONS. All investigations shall be conducted on a bipartisan basis by Committee staff. Investigations may be initiated by the Committee staff upon the approval of the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member. Staff shall keep the Committee fully informed of the progress of continuing investigations, except where the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member agree that there exists temporary cause for more limited knowledge.

2. SUBPOENAS. Subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of memoranda, documents, records, or any other materials shall be issued by the Chairman, or by any other Member of the Committee designated by him. Prior to the issuance of each subpoena, the Ranking Minority Member, and any other Member so requesting, shall be notified regarding the identity of the person to whom the subpoena will be issued and the nature of the information sought, and its relationship to the investigation.

3. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS. All reports containing findings or recommendations stem-

ming from Committee investigations shall be printed only with the approval of a majority of the Members of the Committee.

VII. DEPOSITIONS AND COMMISSIONS

1. NOTICE. Notices for the taking of depositions in an investigation authorized by the Committee shall be authorized and issued by the Chairman or by a staff officer designated by him. Such notices shall specify a time and place for examination, and the name of the staff officer or officers who will take the deposition. Unless otherwise specified, the deposition shall be in private. The Committee shall not initiate procedures leading to criminal or civil enforcement proceedings for a witness's failure to appear unless the deposition notice was accompanied by a Committee subpoena.

2. COUNSEL. Witnesses may be accompanied at a deposition by counsel to advise them of their rights, subject to the provisions of Rule II(6).

3. PROCEDURE. Witnesses shall be examined upon oath administered by an individual authorized by local law to administer oaths. Questions shall be propounded orally by Committee staff. Objections by the witnesses as to the form of questions shall be noted by the record. If a witness objects to a question and refuses to testify on the basis of relevance or privilege, the Committee staff may proceed with the deposition, or may at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling by telephone or otherwise on the objection from a Member of the Committee. If the Member overrules the objection, he or she may refer the matter to the Committee or the Member may order and direct the witness to answer the question, but the Committee shall not initiate the procedures leading to civil or criminal enforcement unless the witness refuses to testify after he or she has been ordered and directed to answer by a Member of the Committee.

4. FILING. The Committee staff shall see that the testimony is transcribed or electronically recorded. If it is transcribed, the witness shall be furnished with a copy for review. No later than five days thereafter, the witness shall return a signed copy, and the staff shall enter the changes, if any, requested by the witness in accordance with Rule II(7). If the witness fails to return a signed copy, the staff shall note on the transcript the date a copy was provided and the failure to return it. The individual administering the oath shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn in his or her presence, the transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record to the testimony, and the transcript shall then be filed with the Committee clerk. Committee staff may stipulate with the witness to changes in this procedure; deviations from the procedure which do not substantially impair the reliability of the record shall not relieve the witness from his or her obligation to testify truthfully.

5. COMMISSIONS. The Committee may authorize the staff, by issuance of commissions, to fill in prepared subpoenas, conduct field hearings, inspect locations, facilities, or systems of records, or otherwise act on behalf of the Committee. Commissions shall be accompanied by instructions from the Committee regulating their use.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. ESTABLISHMENT. The Committee will operate as a Committee of the Whole, reserving to itself the right to establish temporary subcommittees at any time by majority vote. The Chairman of the full Committee and the Ranking Minority Member shall be ex officio Members of all subcommittees.

2. JURISDICTION. Within its jurisdiction as described in the Standing Rules of the Senate, each subcommittee is authorized to con-

duct investigations, including use of subpoenas, depositions, and commissions.

3. RULES. A subcommittee shall be governed by the Committee rules, except that its quorum for all business shall be one-third of the subcommittee Membership, and for hearings shall be one Member.

IX. REPORTS

Committee reports incorporating Committee findings and recommendations shall be printed only with the prior approval of a majority of the Committee, after an adequate period for review and comment. The printing, as Committee documents, of materials prepared by staff for informational purposes, or the printing of materials not originating with the Committee or staff, shall require prior consultation with the minority staff; these publications shall have the following language printed on the cover of the document: "Note: This document has been printed for informational purposes. It does not represent either findings or recommendations formally adopted by the Committee."

X. AMENDMENT OF RULES

The rules of the Committee may be amended or revised at any time, provided that not less than a majority of the Committee present so determine at a Committee meeting preceded by at least 3 days notice of the amendments or revisions proposed.

ENDNOTE

¹As amended by S. Res. 78, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. (1977), S. Res. 376, 95th Cong., 2d Sess. (1978), S. Res. 274, 96th Cong., 1st Sess. (1979), S. Res. 389, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. (1980).

IDAHO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Idaho Small Business Development Center for its 25 years of supporting small business in Idaho. The Idaho Small Business Development Center has a rich tradition of service to small business all over Idaho.

The mission of the Idaho Small Business Development Center is to enhance the success of small businesses in Idaho by providing high-quality consulting and training. The staff has delivered up-to-date consulting, training, technical assistance and environmental regulatory assistance in all aspects of small business management since 1986. Their primary goal is to help small business owners and entrepreneurs make sound decisions for the successful operation of their business.

Each year, Idaho Small Business Development Center consultants meet with clients to provide guidance in developing and growing a successful business. Statistics show that on average, Idaho Small Business Development Center clients achieve greater than 10 times the sales and employment growth of the typical Idaho small business.

At the Idaho Small Business Development Center, client satisfaction and success are the ultimate measures of the work they do. They strive to deliver high quality, innovative programs and services in a consistent and timely manner and take great pride in the success of those served.

Under the long-time leadership of Jim Hogge, the Idaho Small Business

Development Center has become the go-to shop for the Idaho entrepreneur. Their hands-on approach has meant the difference between closing their doors or turning a profit for hundreds of Idaho businesses.

Through the ups and downs of the economy, the Idaho Small Business Development Center has always been there with an open door and a helping hand. Today, they partner with Idaho's colleges and universities to teach the principles of business and cultivate the next generation of Idaho entrepreneurs.

It is my privilege to recognize the 25th anniversary of what is truly one of Idaho's bedrock institutions, the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ALICE A. PETERS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Alice A. Peters, a philanthropist who, along with her late husband Leon S. Peters, generously supported many educational, cultural, and community causes in Fresno, CA. Mrs. Peters passed away on January 24. She was 97 years old.

Born Alice Apregan, Mrs. Peters was the daughter of Armenian immigrants who immigrated to Lynn, MA, in 1907 to escape the persecution of Ottoman Turks. In search of a better place to call home, the family moved in 1911 to the San Joaquin Valley of California where many people from their native Bitlis province of Armenia had settled. The Apregan family made their home in the farming community of Del Rey, and Alice attended high school in nearby Selma.

She met her future husband during a visit to Del Rey Packing. Their friendship blossomed into marriage in 1943. Leon Peters learned mechanical engineering on the job while working for Valley Foundry, became sales manager before purchasing the company in 1937. He and his brothers turned Valley Foundry into one of the region's most successful businesses. This success allowed the Peters to become stalwart supporters of community causes that have greatly benefited the people of Fresno and the Central Valley. Over the years, Leon and Alice Peters would become synonymous with philanthropy and charity in the Greater Fresno Area.

Since its establishment in 1959, the Leon S. Peters Foundation has given to many worthy causes and projects that continue to positively impact the lives of Fresno residents. Mrs. Peters and her late husband donated millions of dollars to local institutions such as the Community Regional Center, the Fresno Chafee Zoo, and the Fresno Art Museum and California State University, Fresno.

Mrs. Peters made sure that the vision of the Leon S. Peters Foundation en-

ded after her husband's passing in 1983. In 2002, she donated \$300,000 to the Community Medical Foundation, which made possible an Extern Work Study Program for nursing students at community medical centers. She summed up her commitment to philanthropy by saying "charity work is part of life, we all have to do some of it . . . this is our legacy."

A woman of great conviction and vision, Mrs. Peters leaves behind a legacy of philanthropy and community service and the admiration of those whose lives she touched over the years. She has made indelible contributions to make Fresno a better place. She will be missed.●

CITY OF HOPE MILESTONE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I want to recognize the important work and accomplishments of City of Hope as it reaches its 10,000th bone marrow transplant, becoming one of the first institutions in the world to reach this milestone.

Founded in 1913, City of Hope has helped to improve the quality of life for thousands of men, women, and children by leading research to develop new treatments and cures for cancer, diabetes, and other life-threatening diseases.

Nearly 35 years ago, City of Hope helped pioneer the development of bone marrow transplantation as a treatment for diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; this January, City of Hope performed its 10,000th transplant.

City of Hope performed its first successful bone marrow transplant in 1976 on a college student from Indiana who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. Thanks to City of Hope's pioneering bone marrow transfer program, the college student's cancer has remained in remission for more than 35 years, allowing him to live a full life. More than three decades later, City of Hope performed its 10,000th bone marrow transplant on January 13, 2011 on a patient battling leukemia.

About 500 bone marrow transplants procedures are now performed each year, and each year thousands of cancer survivors and their families attend a bone marrow transplant reunion coordinated by City of Hope. This reunion serves as a celebration of life and the positive changes that City of Hope's Bone Marrow Transplant program have created in the lives of so many cancer patients and their families, who truly found their hope again when they turned to City of Hope.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in commending City of Hope for reaching its 10,000th bone marrow transplant and for its dedication to the advancement of health care services.●

REMEMBERING SAADALLA MOHAMED ALY

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to mark the

quiet passage of a Washington institution a gentle and elegant man named Saadalla Mohamed Aly, but who was known to most of us simply as "Mr. Aly."

Few Americans outside of Washington have heard of "Mr. Aly," and Mr. Aly was just fine with that—but for 35 years he was a very welcomed sight to everyone and anyone who appeared on "Meet the Press" and spent time in what was very much "his" Green Room.

From 1976 until his death last month at age 79, Mr. Aly was a proud fixture off-camera at America's longest-running news program. He was the tuxedoed figure who greeted the guests, and implored them and their staffs to dig into coffee or orange juice before the show—and to stay for the post-show meal afterwards. He was the quiet, supportive presence who always put you at ease before the grilling interviews and roundtable discussions began. And he was a kind man who—in gestures large and small—harkened back to a time when Washington was more civil, back to an era when people here in Washington really took the time to know each other.

In the 22 years that I knew him, from my very first appearance on the show as a very junior Senator in 1988, to the cold winter morning in December of 2002 when I went on with Tim Russert to announce for President, I never once asked Mr. Aly his political affiliation. He was just a gentle soul in a tuxedo who was unfailingly kind to all the guests, Democrat or Republican.

But I will never forget how he greeted me when I came back to the show in January of 2005 after I lost. When I arrived at the studio, with the snow falling, Mr. Aly was waiting at the front door, and the first thing he did was give me a great big hug. He asked my staff how I was doing. I still don't know whether he cast a vote in that election, but I do know that I was lucky to have a friend like Mr. Aly, who in his quiet, considerate way voted with his actions, not his words.

Like many of us, I learned in the Washington Post that Mr. Aly passed away in December after contracting pneumonia on a trip to his native Egypt. It is fitting that his daughter Dalia arranged for his burial in Washington, because Washington is the place he loved. And Washington is the city that came to love him.

These are years which have seen us lose some special friends at "Meet the Press," starting of course with Tim Russert. But if Tim was the soul of "Meet the Press," Mr. Aly was its heart. Through all these years, as Tim said, if it was Sunday, it was "Meet the Press." And if it was "Meet the Press," it was a warm and friendly greeting from a true gentlemen, "Mr. Aly." Mr. President, I will miss him.●

TRIBUTE TO RAY FLYNN

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, Ray Flynn has been a towering figure in the