

Representatives to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate or House of Representatives, respectively) at any time, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate or House of Representatives.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) **ADVISORY GROUP.**—The term “Advisory Group” means the Federal Facilities Redesignation Advisory Group established by section 1.

(2) **FEDERAL FACILITY.**—The term “Federal facility” means any building, road, bridge, complex, base, or other structure owned by the United States or located on land owned by the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years Defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., Hearing Room (SD-406), to receive testimony from Donald J. Barry, nominated by the President to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and Sallyanne Harper, nominated by the President, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1253, the Public Land Management Improvement Act of 1997.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YALE LIONS CLUB

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to celebrate a momentous occasion for Lions Club of the City of Yale, Michigan. On Saturday, February 14th, the Yale Lions will commemorate their 50th anniversary. I am pleased to have the opportunity to offer my congratulations for this auspicious event.

The Lions Club is dedicated to community service, and for half a century Yale Lions have worked to benefit the entire City of Yale. At the crux of membership in the Lions Club is the desire to help fellow citizens, and their shining examples of service have been displayed to the whole community. Consequently, tremendous growth has occurred and membership continues to expand, with the number of members nearly tripling since the Club was founded many years ago. The strong commitment to helping other individuals is outstanding, and I commend each member of the association for all their tireless efforts.

Again, I wish to express my warmest wishes for a successful event. I thank the Lions Club of Yale for their ceaseless commitment to their community, and wish the organization a bright future.●

COMMENDING GAO ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER GENERAL J. DEXTER PEACH

• Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay homage to one of our Nation's most dedicated and loyal public servants, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States, J. Dexter Peach.

On January 2nd of this year, J. Dexter Peach retired following a distinguished 38-year career with the United States General Accounting Office, capped by 15 years as an Assistant Comptroller General.

Mr. Peach began his career with the General Accounting Office in 1960, rising through the evaluator ranks to lead two of its major divisions—Energy and Minerals and the Resources, Community and Economic Development Divisions—serving as Assistant Comptroller General for the latter. He is an acknowledged subject matter expert on a wide variety of national programs and policy issues dealing with energy, environment, natural resources, and economic development matters and has an in-depth understanding of federal legislative and regulatory processes. As Assistant Comptroller General for Planning and Reporting, Dexter Peach had broad responsibility for maintaining the Office's planning system and assuring the overall quality of the agency's planning system and assuring the overall quality of the agency's products.

Mr. President, I had the privilege of working with Dexter Peach in my ca-

capacity as both Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. His critical work relating to energy issues after the OPEC embargo in 1973, earned him the Comptroller General's Award for contributions to energy issues of national importance. He has also received three Federal Senior Executive Service Rank Awards—a Distinguished Rank and two Meritorious Ranks. The American University also distinguished him with their prestigious Roger W. Jones Award, bestowed annually to a career federal civil servant for outstanding public service.

Mr. President, the General Accounting Office was created in 1921 with the mandate to audit, evaluate, or investigate virtually all federal government operations—wherever they might take place. In other words, the GAO serves as a “watchdog” over the taxpayers' money—guarding against fraud, abuse, and inefficient allocation of public funds.

GAO evaluations under Dexter Peach's guidance and leadership have saved taxpayers billions of dollars. During his career as Assistant Comptroller General, Congress has implemented numerous recommendations resulting from his work—including budget reductions, cost avoidances, appropriations deferrals, and revenue enhancements. He has also been instrumental in assisting the Congress by directing reports on the costs of cleaning up nuclear weapons complexes, environmental crises such as the Exxon/Valdez oil spill, efforts to preserve and protect the nation's drinking water, and issues dealing with the deregulation and safety of the airlines industry.

In short, Mr. President, Dexter Peach's tenure at GAO has been characterized by success on every level; throughout his career, he has served as an example of a truly exceptional public servant. I am sure I speak for all of us here in the Senate in giving recognition to a man who has served this Nation with integrity, dedication, honor, and diligence—Assistant Comptroller General J. Dexter Peach.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVE MOORE

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to acknowledge the passing of my former colleague Dave Moore on January 28, and with great joy that I recall his memory and the happiness he brought to Minnesota television viewers for over thirty-four years.

Dave Moore was hired by WCCO Television in Minneapolis for a series of announcing jobs in July of 1950. At the onset of daily newscasts at WCCO in 1957, Dave was placed at the helm of the 10 p.m. broadcasts.

For the next thirty-four years Dave would become a fixture on Minnesota television and a true icon. It is difficult to imagine that in July of 1957 the management of WCCO, and quite possibly Dave himself, knew that Dave

would become such an legend. Scores of Minnesotans would tune into WCCO news each night and hear Dave's friendly voice as he reported the news with his warm, yet serious, demeanor.

Trained as an actor at the University of Minnesota, Dave reported the news with the spontaneity, flair, and wit that only an actor could provide. Dave's acting talents made it possible for him to venture beyond his role as an anchorman to his role on "Bedtime Nooz" where each Saturday night between 1962 and 1971 he would take a satirical look at current events.

Dave's broadcasting success was acknowledged by a number of awards and honors, including the Mitchell V. Charnley Award in 1983, as well as being named Outstanding Broadcast Personality of 1991 by the Minnesota Broadcasters Association. In addition, "The Moore Report," a documentary and public interest program hosted by Dave, won numerous awards, including the George Foster Peabody Award for its special titled "Hollow Victory: Vietnam Under Communism."

As a truly gifted orator, Dave used his talents to serve his community by doing volunteer reading for Radio Talking Books for the Blind, and making frequent visits to local elementary schools to read to the students.

A native of Minneapolis, Dave was quite content with establishing his career in the his hometown, untempted by the possibilities available to a person of his talents. Dave was the most visible personality on WCCO when it was at its pinnacle, yet that did not cause him to shy away from the public. Dave often acted in community plays and could be frequently seen around Minneapolis simply participating in life in the city he loved as just another one of its ordinary citizens.

Mr. President, I wish to offer my sincerest condolences to Dave's family and on behalf of the citizens of Minnesota reassure them that we all share in their loss. At the conclusion of his last broadcast on December 6, 1991, Dave expressed his sentiments by simply stating, "There will be no maudlin, tearful farewell, just a simple, but very heartfelt thank-you to all of you for your support down through the years. I've been very touched by it." Thank you Dave, you touched us as well.●

COMMENDING VICKI DONOVAN AS THE 1998 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Vicki Donovan for being named New Hampshire's 1998 Teacher of the Year. Vicki is a fourth-grade teacher at Belmont Elementary School, where she has taught for eleven years. I commend her outstanding accomplishment and well-deserved honor.

Vicki, who lives in Belmont, will spend the next year representing New Hampshire's teachers at various statewide and regional functions. As New

Hampshire's Teacher of the Year, she will be considered for the National Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic, Inc. The National Teacher of the Year Program is the oldest and most prestigious honors program to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. New Hampshire's Commissioner of Education, Elizabeth Twomey, named Vicki the Teacher of the Year.

Vicki's accomplishments as a teacher are numerous. She organized Belmont Elementary School's yearbook in her first year there, and has taught at several grade levels in the elementary school. She is involved with the Belmont Elementary School Support Group, B.E.S.T., and has served on the town's Civic Profile Committee, Government Study Group, and Youth and Education Committee.

In addition to her numerous extracurricular accomplishments, Vicki has excelled in perhaps the most important area: her students. Vicki's students say their experience with her as their teacher marked their best year in school.

New Hampshire has always been fortunate to have many talented teachers, but Vicki Donovan is certainly a role model among teachers of the Granite State. As a former teacher myself, I am proud of her commitment to education and congratulate her on this distinguished achievement.●

IN RECOGNITION OF PEGGY POSA

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a remarkable woman from Michigan, Peggy Posa. Peggy is retiring after more than ten years of service as Executive Director of the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS).

Before Peggy Posa arrived, COTS was considered an important emergency shelter for homeless people in Detroit. By providing this service alone, COTS was a key part of the network of community organizations which serve underprivileged residents of Detroit. Under Peggy's leadership, however, COTS has grown to be considered one of Michigan's most respected providers of housing and comprehensive services for homeless people. She led COTS through an expansion and renovation of three shelter facilities; the creation of twenty-three units of permanent supportive housing for frail, elderly and mentally challenged individuals; the creation of three transitional housing programs; and the development of a variety of support services designed to assist people seeking to regain economic self-sufficiency and decent, affordable housing.

Peggy Posa is widely admired as an innovative and tireless leader on issues related to the problem of homelessness. While she is retiring from her full time responsibilities, she has said that she will continue to be involved with COTS on a part time basis. I have no doubt

that her colleagues and the people she serves are grateful for her continued dedication and support.

Mr. President, Peggy Posa and COTS can take pride in the fact that they have truly succeeded in helping people to change their lives. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting Peggy's commitment to her community and in wishing her well in her retirement.●

PRESIDENT EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, last Friday, January 23rd, was the birthday of President Eduard Shevardnadze. This is a man whose active and courageous involvement helped bring the cold war to a peaceful end and who is now rebuilding Georgia from a ruinous civil war. He has taken a courageous position, even in the face of assassination attempts, to bring about and maintain the independence of freedom of his native country, Georgia.

Mr. Shevardnadze is working hard to bring about difficult economic reform and to build an independent legislative branch. He has introduced some remarkable changes in Georgia: he introduced a new currency, adopted and implemented a new constitution, removed mafia leaders from powerful positions, secured the transportation of Caspian oil through Georgia and has worked hard at establishing regional cooperation with other leaders in the Caucasus and Central Asia. His dedication to furthering independence, economic prosperity and harmony in the region places him as a historic world figure. Mr. Shevardnadze's achievements should be noted and recognized on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

I ask that my letter to President Shevardnadze be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 23, 1998.

His Excellency President SHEVARDNADZE,
President of Georgia,
Tbilisi, Georgia.

DEAR PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE, I am writing to congratulate you on the occasion of your 70th birthday and to take this opportunity to acknowledge your courageous work in building a free and independent Georgia. Your initiatives in promoting and advancing the economic and political freedom of your country are well noted by your friends and admirers throughout the world and place you as a historic world figure. Please count me as one of those who acknowledges your great contributions to the creation of a better world.

As Georgia continues to develop and improve, let us hope that our nations will share the fruits of our labors through peace and security for all the newly independent states. The challenges to this are real, but with men of vision such as yourself, it is my belief that this can be accomplished.

I hope our paths will cross on the "Silk Road" before your next birthday and I can extend to you personally my best wishes and regards. Again my sincere congratulations on your birthday, please accept my heartfelt