

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.

2. Use of Space Assigned to a Senator, Committee Chairman, or an Officer of the Senate

Requests for use of space assigned specifically to a Senator, Committee Chairman, or Officer of the Senate should be made directly to that individual. Room regulations apply to all Senate rooms.

3. Use of Senate Event Rooms

The Senator sponsoring the function will be held accountable for enforcement of all room regulations. Outside groups disregarding the Policy for Use of Senate Rooms, as set forth by the Committee on Rules and Administration, may have their reservation cancelled, event terminated, or may be prohibited from scheduling future events in Senate rooms.

All requests for a Senate event room for use by a Committee, or under the auspices of a Committee, must be made or approved by the Chairman of that Committee. (If the Committee is a joint committee, the request must be made or approved by the Senator who is Chairman or Vice-chairman of that Joint Committee.) A use is considered to be "by a Committee" or "under the auspices of a Committee" when the announcement, agenda or notice for the use identifies Senate participants as members of the Committee.

Standing Committees of the Senate, Special Committees of the Senate, Select Committees of the Senate, and Joint Congressional Committees may hold committee hearings and conduct meetings in Senate rooms. Congressional hearings and official legislative meetings take precedence over all other functions.

Events may be booked Monday-Friday. Events may begin no earlier than 7:30 am in the morning. Evening events must conclude by 10:00 pm.

The precise time period scheduled for room use must be strictly adhered to.

Weekend events are generally not permitted.

Specific event arrangements (set-up, catering) should be discussed directly with those responsible for providing the services in Senate space, as indicated on the Rules Committee's Room Request Form. Set-up and catering entities may not provide information about other scheduled events or availability of other event rooms.

Since rooms are available only for Senate-related business, there is no charge for such use. Therefore, no charge is permitted in connection with the use of Senate space, nor may any charge be assessed for admittance or refreshments in Senate space.

Weddings, funerals, memorial services, tributes, award ceremonies, or other events of a personal nature are not allowed.

Events that may endanger the public or create an unreasonable risk of liability for the United States Senate are not permitted. Outside groups are not permitted to use Senate space to conduct events intended to simulate Congressional hearings or legislative meetings.

Demonstrations and disruptive behavior are not permitted.

Excessive noise or sound amplification is not permitted.

Music during business hours is not permitted (see Section 9).

Animals are generally not permitted at events in Senate rooms, except in cases where an animal provides necessary assistance to an individual with disabilities.

Education, training, and health screening conducted in Senate space by outside entities for the Senate community must be coordinated with and conducted through the Senate Office of Education and Training or the Senate Employee Assistance Program.

No money or items may be collected on Senate property for any purpose, including charitable purposes.

Senate space may not be used for any fundraising purpose.

Senate space may not be used for political activities, including political campaign, political party, or political action committee activities.

Booking and use of Senate space for any commercial, promotional, or profit-making purpose is strictly prohibited.

No signs, placards, photographs, brochures or pamphlets displaying a group or company name or logo are permitted.

Exhibits must be educational in nature and must relate to Senate business.

Trade fairs are not permitted.

No products or services may be promoted or sold on the premises. No promotional material may be distributed on the premises.

No material may be attached anywhere in Senate rooms, including walls, windows, window treatments, and doors.

Banners anywhere on Senate property are strictly prohibited.

The Senate will not be held responsible for articles brought into the Senate buildings or onto Senate grounds for functions and exhibits. The Senate does not provide insurance for such articles.

4. Cancellation of Events

Since Senate Committee hearings and official legislative meetings take precedence over all other functions, it may be necessary to cancel or move a function on short notice based on the legislative schedule of the Senate.

Groups disregarding the Policy for Use of Senate Rooms, as set forth by the Committee on Rules and Administration, may have their reservation cancelled, event terminated, or may be prohibited from scheduling future events in Senate rooms.

5. Food and Beverages

Food and beverages for events in Senate rooms may only be provided by the Senate event food and beverage service provider (s) designated by the Senate Rules Committee. Information regarding the designated provider (s) will be posted on the room request form and the Official Guidelines for Use of Senate Space fact sheet prepared by the Senate Rules Committee.

Catering arrangements for special events or functions must be made directly with the designated food and beverage service provider(s).

The Senate Rules Committee must grant a waiver for any special event food that cannot be furnished by the Senate food service vendor (such as home state products celebrating the food of a state). Requests for waivers must be submitted in writing to the Senate Rules Committee well in advance of the event.

All food and beverages served at a function must be consumed within the scheduled room. No food or beverages are permitted in the corridors outside event rooms.

6. Financial Obligations

Outside groups are expected to make arrangements for payment for any catering expenses in advance of the event date and in accordance with contractual requirements.

The Senator or Officer sponsoring the function is responsible for any loss of or damage to Senate property and for any financial obligation incurred.

7. Room Set-Up

The Office of the Senate Superintendent will make arrangements for the set-up of a room in the Senate Office Buildings with the sponsoring Senator's staff or designated constituent contact. Arrangements for room set up in the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Capitol Visitor Center are made through Capitol Facilities.

There is no charge for set-up of rooms by the Senate Superintendent's Office or Capitol Facilities.

At the time the reservation is approved by the Rules Committee, Senate offices should make arrangements, or should notify their constituent contact that arrangements for the set-up of the room must be made directly with the Superintendent's Office or Capitol Facilities. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible, but at least 2 business days in advance of the event, in order to guarantee the availability of adequate furniture, equipment, and supplies.

Room set-up arrangements may not be changed on the day of an event.

8. Room Capacity

The Senate Rules Committee posts information on its web site regarding the maximum capacity of event rooms, based upon set-up style. The maximum room capacity by set-up style permitted by the Fire Marshal shall not be exceeded. Failure to adhere to the maximum room occupancy level may result in termination of an event or function.

9. Music

No music is permitted in the Senate wing of the Capitol when the Senate is in session.

No music is permitted in the Senate Office Building event rooms or in the Capitol Visitor Center event rooms when the Senate is in session until after 6:00 p.m.

When the Senate is in recess, music is permitted after 5:00 p.m.

Music may be provided during the approved time periods by string instruments or a piano. Amplified music is not permitted.

Vocal performances and singing are not permitted at any time in Senate space, except by special permission in the Russell Senate Office Building Rotunda. See Russell Rotunda section.

10. Press Conferences

Only Senators may conduct press conferences. Outside groups may not hold press conferences in Senate event rooms.

Press conferences related to political campaign, political party, or political action committee activities are not permissible.

11. Photographing and Filming

Since Senate space may not be used for commercial, promotional, or profit-making purposes whatsoever:

No promotional or commercial photographing or filming is permitted.

Filming involving or related to commercial ventures, including fictional movies and commercial documentaries, as well as the use of Senate space to create or promote commercial entertainment programming, is strictly prohibited in Senate buildings and on the Capitol grounds.

12. Audio Visual Presentations

The content of audio visual presentations made in Senate rooms may not be commercial, promotional, profit-making, or fundraising in nature.

13. Broadcasting

News broadcasting, coverage and videotaping at events/in event rooms requires special permission and must be coordinated with the Senate Radio TV Gallery. News broadcasting, coverage, and videotaping are prohibited in some areas, and are subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate Rules Committee and the Senate Radio TV Gallery.

14. Admittance to Buildings

The Senate Wing of the Capitol, the Senate Wing of the Capitol Visitor Center, and the Senate Office Buildings are open during normal business hours. These areas are not open on evenings, holidays, and weekends, unless the Senate is in session.

The following information may be found on or accessed through Webster:

Information regarding normal business hours will be posted on Webster. Due to security considerations, building hours are subject to change without notice.

Information regarding building access for visitors and guests outside of normal business hours, will be posted on Webster.

Information regarding access to the Senate Wing of the Capitol and the Senate Wing of the Capitol Visitor Center for appointments, visitors, and guests will be posted on Webster.

Information regarding the Capitol Visitor Center days and hours of operation for visitor services, Senate Gallery access when the Senate is in session, as well as any special announcements with regard to closures, will be posted on the Capitol Visitor Center web site and may be accessed through a link on Webster.

The Senate Appointments Desk and the United States Capitol Police must be furnished, when required, with a list of the names and pertinent information for all guests attending functions in the Senate Wing of the Capitol, including the Senate Wing of the Capitol Visitor Center. Requirements and any necessary forms will be posted on Webster. Names of guests must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines set forth on the form, otherwise admittance to events cannot be guaranteed.

15. Event Parking

No parking accommodations are provided for guests.

RUSSELL ROTUNDA

All requests for use of the Russell Rotunda must be submitted to the Senate Rules Committee on the official Russell Rotunda 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 request form.

Only educational, cultural, and commemorative exhibits will be permitted. No ceremonies are permitted.

No signs or placards displaying a company or group's name or logo are permitted. Banners are strictly prohibited.

Handouts are not permitted.

Photographs or slides of the complete exhibit, and any text, must be provided to the Rules Committee 14 days prior to the date of the exhibit for review before an exhibit will be approved. Text in any language other than English must be translated. No changes may be made to an approved exhibit within 7 days of the event.

Guidelines for Use of the Russell Rotunda, a fact sheet prepared by the Senate Rules Committee, must be provided to the exhibitor by the requesting Senator or Officer.

An exhibit may not be displayed in the Rotunda for more than 5 days, unless an exception is granted.

Exhibits must be placed entirely within the Russell Rotunda. The articles of an exhibit must be placed on mounted displays.

Photos or paintings may not be hung from the pillars or on the walls, and should not require any lighting, etc. that must be plugged into an electrical outlet.

Exhibits must be arranged in a manner that provides safe and easy access, as well as adequate space for emergency egress for staff and visitors.

No food or beverages are permitted.

No sound may be associated with the exhibits.

The precise time frame for set up and removal of an exhibit, as approved by the Senate Rules Committee, must be strictly followed.

A choral group may perform in the Russell Rotunda for 15 minutes during the lunch hour (12:00-1:00 p.m.). The group will not be allowed to perform when hearings or other

official functions are scheduled in the Caucus Room. String instruments and piano are the only musical instruments permitted. The use of amplifiers is strictly prohibited.

Cancellations should be reported immediately.

The Senate will not be responsible for the articles of an exhibit. The Senate does not provide insurance for such articles.

RUSSELL COURTYARD

The policy of the Rules Committee is to discourage use of the Russell Courtyard for functions. Written requests for a Courtyard function, as an exception to policy, will be considered by the Committee. The function must be for Members of Congress, their families, and staff only.

HART ATRIUM, GREAT HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER AND CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Use of the Capitol Rotunda, the Great Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center, and the Hart Atrium is strictly prohibited, except for official ceremonies authorized by Senate Resolution.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN U.S. SENATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS

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 U.S. Senate Travel Regulations.

Based on the committee's review of the 1991 regulations and the January 1, 1999, amendments to the regulations, the following changes to these policies have been adopted effective today, December 7, 2006. The changes reduce from 45 days to 30 days the period when travel advances must be repaid. In addition, the amended regulations establish a uniform \$200 minimum travel advance level for all offices within the Senate.

Set forth below are the updated U.S. Senate Travel Regulations.

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:

AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE SENATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS

The travel regulations herein have been promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration pursuant to the authority vested in it by paragraph 1(n)(1)8 of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and by section 68 of Title 2 of the United States Code, the pertinent portions of which provisions are as follows:

Standing Rules of the Senate

Rule XXV

Paragraph 1(n)(1)8

(n)(1) Committee on Rules and Administration, to which committee shall be referred * * * matters relating to the following subjects: * * *

8. Payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate or creating a charge upon the same * * *

United States Code

Title 2 Section 68

Sec. 68. Payments from contingent fund of Senate

No payment shall be made from the contingent fund of the Senate unless sanctioned by

the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate * * *

United States Senate Travel Regulations

Revised by the Committee on Rules and Administration

United States Senate, effective October 1, 1991 as amended January 1, 1999, as further amended December 7, 2006

GENERAL REGULATIONS

I. Travel Authorization

A. Only those individuals having an official connection with the function involved may obligate the funds of said function.

B. Funds disbursed by the Secretary of Senate may be obligated by:

1. Members of standing, select, special, joint, policy or conference committees
2. Staff of such committees
3. Employees properly detailed to such committees from other agencies
4. Employees of Members of such committees whose salaries are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and employees appointed under authority of section 111 of Public Law 95-94, approved August 5, 1977, when designated as "ex officio employees" by the Chairman of such committee. Approval of the reimbursement voucher will be considered sufficient designation.

5. Senators, including staff and nominating board members. (Also individuals properly detailed to a Senator's office under authority of Section 503(b)(3) of P.L. 96-465, approved October 17, 1980.)

6. All other administrative offices, including Officers and staff.

C. An employee who transfers from one office to another on the same day he/she concludes official travel shall be considered an employee of the former office until the conclusion of that official travel.

D. All travel shall be either authorized or approved by the chairman of the committee, Senator, or Officer of the Senate to whom such authority has been properly delegated. The administrative approval of the voucher will constitute the approvals required. It is expected that ordinarily the authority will be issued prior to the expenses being incurred and will specify the travel to be performed as such possible unless circumstances in a particular case prevent such action.

E. Official Travel Authorizations: The General Services Administration, on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration, has contracted with several air carriers to provide discount air fares for Members, Officers, and employees of the Senate only when traveling on official business. This status is identifiable to the contracting air carriers by one of the following ways:

1. The use of a government issued travel charge card

2. The use of an "Official Travel Authorization" form which must be submitted to the air carrier prior to purchasing a ticket. These forms must be personally approved by the Senator, chairman, or Officer of the Senate under whose authority the travel for official business is taking place. Payment must be made in advance by cash, credit card, check, or money order. The Official Travel Authorization forms are available in the Senate Disbursing Office.

II. Funds for Traveling Expenses

A. Individuals traveling on official business for the Senate will provide themselves with sufficient funds for all current expenses, and are expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business.

1. Travel Advances

a) Advances to Committees (P.L. 81-118)

(1) Chairmen of joint committees operating from the contingent fund of the Senate, and chairmen of standing, special, select, policy,