

Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on government secrecy.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on S. 507, the Omnibus Patent Act of 1997.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session on the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 2 p.m. to hold a judicial nominations hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for an oversight hearing on SBA's finance programs on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on the nomination of George J. Tenet to be Director of Central Intelligence.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology be authorized to meet on May 7, 1995, at 2 p.m. on the National Science Foundation and Technology Administration fiscal year 1998 budgets.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to conduct a hearing Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., on the reauthorization of the

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act [ISTEA] and safety issues and programs.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to express my deep gratitude and pride in recognizing the Wenatchee National Forest as a recipient of the Salvage Sale Showcase Award under the U.S. Forest Service's Fiscal Year 1995 Timber Salvage and Recovery Program.

The Wenatchee National Forest encompasses 2.2 million acres of Washington's finest forest lands—lands providing for an abundance of recreational activities and employment and resource opportunities for Washington State residents. In July 1994, however, a lightning storm followed by a severe fire, threatened to suddenly demolish this majestic landscape within days.

When the last flame had been extinguished, the damage was daunting. Three fires of unprecedented intensity had consumed 186,000 acres of Wenatchee National Forest lands, destroying 37 homes and 76 outbuildings and threatening the lives of human beings who had dared to cross its massive path. Firefighters from various parts of the country, 8,000 in all, fought valiantly to save the precious resources endangered by runaway wildfires. It is to their credit that so many homes, communities, and human lives are intact today.

Determined and resolute, the employees of the Wenatchee National Forest went to work. Less than 2 months after the first spark ignited, the largest emergency rehabilitation effort ever undertaken by the Forest Service was launched with the cooperation of other Federal, State, county, and local agencies. The rehabilitation effort addressed and executed projects which included erosion control, road rehabilitation, wildlife habitat, helicopter seeding, and collaborative learning. The effort was successfully completed by mid-November 1994, for \$18 million—\$2 million under budget.

With the worst behind them, Forest managers looked ahead toward long-term forest health and sustainability. Interdisciplinary teams consisting of personnel from all six ranger districts combined their knowledge and know-how to develop the necessary environmental documents. Within 11 months, these teams assembled an astounding 10 environmental analyses and 1 environmental impact statement. Science-based decisionmaking rendered a total of 22 timber sales, resulting in landscape level fuel treatment on over 30,000 acres. Nearly 138 million board feet of fire killed or damaged timber was offered for sale.

Salvage was the key to this vision. Removing dead and dying trees pro-

vided the much needed opportunity to reduce stress and preserve larger, healthier trees. In addition, salvage logging in the Wenatchee has enhanced wildlife habitat and supported the perpetuation of ancient forest conditions. Mr. President, it is for this very reason that I sponsored timber salvage legislation in the spring of 1995. Not only was the forest able to begin healing and promoting catastrophic fire prevention through salvage operations, it was also able to provide a significant amount of timber for the public benefit.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate and commend the efforts of all of those who contributed to the successful and innovative restoration of the Wenatchee National Forest. Their accomplishments over the past 3 years are proof positive that we can effectively balance environmental and economic concerns in our national forests if we give local forest managers the flexibility they need to do their jobs. The employees of this forest are outstanding examples of the teamwork desperately needed throughout our national forest system. Because of their professionalism, tenacity, and courage, the Wenatchee National Forest is on its way back to health and sustainability. My congratulations to them on a job well done. Keep up the good work.

WEST VIRGINIA MOTHER OF THE YEAR, KELLY L. GEORGE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my great honor today to rise to congratulate Kelly L. George of Cabell County in West Virginia. Kelly has been selected by American Mothers, Inc., as the West Virginia Mother of the Year, and I commend them for their choice.

As a father of four children, I know how important it is to have a strong mother figure in the family, and Kelly is exactly that for her family. She continues to instill the value of high academic achievement to her children Vincent, Victor, Valerie, Von, and Vanessa. She works very hard to provide a spiritual foundation for her children, and she also takes on the enormously important task of teaching strong family values.

But this is not all that Kelly George does. Like my wife Sharon, Kelly balances her tasks as a mother with her duties in an active career. Kelly has an impressive list of accomplishments outside the household. She is on the Thomas Hospital Board of Trustees, is a Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and chair of the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management. She is also a life member of General Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Committee of State Garden Clubs, as well as international chair for the Pilot International World Association. On top of all this, she is a legislative analyst, a historian, and the author of "Rhythms, Remembrances and Recipes."

Imagine combining all of these activities with her educational background in the West Virginia public schools, Marshall College, Cambridge School of Radio and Television, and Drake School of Drama and with the tremendous job of being a mother. Most of us would find difficulty in staying active just in these tasks outside the home, but Kelly is able to balance those with her role as a mother.

I know Kelly personally and know that she is a phenomenal person who is enormously talented. I am proud to say that Kelly George is the West Virginia Mother of the Year for 1997-98. And I congratulate her on this tremendous achievement.●

HONORING ARMAND D'AMATO, SR.

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my father, Mr. Armand D'Amato, Sr. of Island Park, NY. He is being honored on May 8, 1997 for his role as the founder of the Island Park Chamber of Commerce, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this month. I would like to take this opportunity to commend my father for his lifelong commitment to making his community a richer, more prosperous and safer place to live.

One of Armand D'Amato's most important and lasting contributions to his community was the founding of the Island Park Chamber of Commerce in 1947. The chamber was, and remains today, a vital tool in developing the economic potential of Island Park. As a small businessman and the first president of the chamber of commerce, serving in that position for 9 years, dad recognized that economic prosperity should not be taken for granted and that only through vigilance and hard work is a community's economic well-being safeguarded.

Armand D'Amato was born in Newark, NJ, the second of nine children born to Italian immigrants who traveled to America from Avalino, Italy while still teenagers. As a child, he rarely heard English spoken in his home. It was not until he attended elementary school at the age of 5 that he began to learn English. At a time when Italian immigrants in America were subjected to unfair discrimination, the obstacles dad encountered as a child taught him valuable lessons about the realities and hardships of life, and instilled in him a determination to succeed.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Montclair State Teachers College and his master's from New York University, Dad served his country overseas during World War II. He and my mother, Antoinette, settled in Island Park in 1945. Since that time, he has been energetically involved in the public life of Island Park.

Armand D'Amato's dedication to his community did not stop with the founding of the Island Park Chamber of Commerce. He was also instrumental in founding the American Alliance to

Combat Crime and Violence, an organization sponsored by the Island Park Chamber of Commerce dedicated to making Island Park a safer place to live and raise a family. He also founded the Island Park Taxpayer Association in 1953, the Tri-Community Council of Island Park in 1954 and served as district governor of the Nassau County Lion's Club in 1963.

During the 1970's and 1980's, dad served as director of business research at the Nassau County Department of Commerce and Industry and organized the Business Resource Center at Nassau Community College.

My father's vigorous commitment to public service and the values he has instilled in his family are reflected by the career paths chosen by his two sons. My brother, Armand D'Amato, Jr., served in the New York State Assembly for fourteen years. And my own career in public service was certainly inspired by his active involvement in the community.

Armand D'Amato has worked his entire life to make Island Park a better place to live. His dedication and commitment to the concept of community service has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of the citizens of Island Park. My father personifies the spirit of community leadership to which others should aspire, and I am proud to join in honoring him.

NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to highlight National Arson Awareness Week, a massive community based arson prevention program sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA], which began Sunday, May 4, and continues through Saturday, May 10.

This program is of particular importance to me because a city in my own State—Macon, GA—has been chosen as one of the three pilot cities. The program will focus on a week of special events aimed at educating high-risk neighborhoods on how to prevent arson and on the importance of getting community members involved. The success of this program is vital not only in Macon but in the other two pilot cities, Charlotte, NC, and Utica, NY, because they will serve as models for future American cities.

National Arson Awareness Week was inspired by the national arson prevention initiative, which was announced by President Clinton on June 19, 1996, in response to the rash of church burnings, most of which occurred in the South. The President asked James Lee Witt, Director of FEMA, to coordinate, in partnership with the Department of Justice, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, available Federal, State, local, and private resources for arson prevention.

Arson is a growing national problem. One out of every four fires in this coun-

try is intentionally set. Over 500,000 arson fires occur each year, causing an estimated 750 fatalities and over \$2 billion in property damage.

These acts of violence can destroy the very base of a community, but they can be prevented. Mr. President, I ask that you and all of my colleagues recognize this week and the three cities for taking firm hold of this problem and proudly pulling their communities together to prevent future arson fires.●

C.W. "MAC" McCLELLAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay my respects to a longtime dear friend, C.W. "Mac" McClellan. Mac passed away on Sunday, May 4th, at his home in Harbor Springs, MI, following a long and valiant fight with cancer.

My wife Jane and I came to know Mac during his countless years of volunteer service to the Michigan Republican Party. While I have met many exceptional people during my time in politics, I have yet to encounter anyone more dedicated to the causes they believed in as was Mac, nor do I anticipate I will anytime soon.

To his wife Ruth and son David, my deepest sympathies. Please know you and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers.

Any one of a litany of titles could aptly describe Mac: Army Air Corps pilot, Air Force Reserves lieutenant colonel, General Motors executive, civic activist, father, and husband, to name just a few. For me, Mac will always be warmly remembered as my friend.

Mac McClellan never asked any more of others than he was willing to give of himself. He was blessed with a tireless devotion and a boundless spirit, and those who knew Mac are indebted to him for leaving our lives richer than he entered them. He will be greatly missed, but not soon forgotten.●

KOSRAE AND THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA: OUR FRIENDS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, for the last two weeks, I have had the great pleasure of sponsoring two Congressional fellows from the island of Kosrae. Mr. Lyndon Jackson and Mr. Charleton Timothy, legislative aides for the Government of Kosrae, have been working in my office since April 22 and will be leaving on May 9. They have been sent to Washington at the request of the speaker of the Kosrae State Legislature, the Honorable Hiteo S. Shrew, to learn more about our Nation's legislative and governmental processes.

For their benefit, I thought I might take this opportunity to make some observations about Kosrae. As some of my colleagues know, Kosrae is one of the most beautiful islands in the Pacific, located just 5 degrees north of the