

# AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 4, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee Special Investigation to meet on Thursday, September 4, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

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

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHTS AND THE COURTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 4, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on: "Conserving Judicial Resources: A Review of the Judicial Allocations for the Second and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeal."

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

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### MARIE BLUM RECEIVES HONORS FROM NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, with the help of a telescensory screenpower Braille display and a Braille tape on the phone, Marie Blum takes hundreds of customer reservations for Ramada Hotels each day. Blind since birth, Marie's perseverance has brought her to a successful career as a reservations agent for Hospitality Franchise Systems in Phoenix, Arizona.

"If people would just apply themselves," says Marie, "they might surprise themselves at what they can really accomplish." This philosophy and Blum's exemplary work performance brought her recognition from National Industries for the Blind (NIB) as the 1997 Private-sector Employee of the Year.

Blum, 46, sought to reenter the work force in 1994 upon the death of her husband. Previously a homemaker, Blum needed a way to support both herself and her teenage daughter. She sought training at the work adjustment program at Arizona Industries for the Blind in Phoenix, where she assembled, collated, and packed various products. Just three months later, armed with confidence and new skills, Blum was hired by Laboratory Environmental Support, Inc. where she did production and packaging work.

A year later, Blum decided to change careers and attended a 10-week unpaid customer service training program offered by Discover Card in conjunction with the group Business Organization Office Services Training (B.O.O.S.T). Again armed with new skills, Blum used her training to land her current job at Hospitality Franchise Systems.

The Private-sector Employee of the Year award is given annually by NIB. The award recognizes outstanding individuals who receive training and work experience in an NIB associated agency and then enter careers in the private sector.

National Industries for the Blind is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to enhance the economic and personal independence of persons who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining, and improving employment. There are 119 independent industries throughout the United States, including Arizona Industries for the Blind, that are associated with NIB. Industries associated with National Industries for the Blind employ people who are blind in manufacturing, office, supervisory, telecommunications, executive positions and other careers. Products and services are provided by NIB-associated agencies to the federal government under the guidelines of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c). These industries also provide vocational training to people who are blind that provides them with the necessary skills to obtain gainful employment within the private sector.●

### CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH MISSION VIEJO LITTLE LEAGUE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the South Mission Viejo Little League team, the U.S. national champions, for their outstanding 1997 season. All Americans, and all Californians, are very proud of them.

The Little League World Series has become a national tradition. Every year, the best Little Leaguers from all over the world come to Williamsport, PA to compete in the world championship. Participants leave with lifelong memories and lasting friendships.

The journey to the Little League World Series is a rigorous one. It demands the highest levels of teamwork, talent, and perseverance. South Mission Viejo reached the World Series by winning 21 of 22 games over a 3-month stretch against the toughest competition in the United States.

Manager Jim Gattis and coaches Allen Elconin, and Ed Sorgi guided these 11- and 12-year-olds first through the Division 55 tournament in San Clemente, then through the sectional playoffs in Santa Ana, and finally through the Division 2 playoffs in La Puente to determine the southern California champions. After winning all three of these tournaments, South Mission Viejo was on their way to San Bernardino, the site of the western regional championship.

After trouncing New Mexico 11-1, South Mission Viejo went on to defeat Arizona and Oregon to reach the western regional semifinals—a rematch with Oregon. A 3-run home run in the top of the fourth inning gave South Mission Viejo a 11-1 lead, and the game ended under the league's 10-run mercy rule.

The final game, against the team from Sunnyvale, CA, was a classic pitching duel. South Mission Viejo pitching rang up 11 strike-outs while Sunnyvale countered with 7 of their own. But in the end, South Mission Viejo squeezed by with a 2-1 victory, earning them a chance to compete in the Little League World Series.

They dominated the tournament from day one, winning all three of their first-round games. In the second game, against Dyer, IN, South Mission Viejo once again displayed the depth of its pitching talent. Three teammates nearly made Little League World Series history by pitching a combined perfect game—the pitching staff missed scoring a no-hitter by a single in the last inning.

The game for the national championship was a rematch of a first-round game against Bradenton, FL. It was another typical South Mission Viejo victory, a mix of consistent hitting, solid fielding, and strong pitching. Their victory earned South Mission Viejo the right to compete in the world championships.

The final game was played before 37,000 fans and an international television audience. As most Americans know, South Mission Viejo jumped to an early lead, only to fall to a heart-breaking rally in the last inning by Guadalupe, Mexico. For only the second time in 3 months, South Mission Viejo lost a baseball game.

In defeat, as in victory, South Mission Viejo represented our Nation with honor and dignity. They played hard and they played fair, earning the respect of Americans everywhere.

But they couldn't have done it without the unflagging support and enthusiasm of their parents, their families, and the thousands of volunteers who put so much time and effort into making Little League a reality. These people are at the heart of the success of the Little League—not just in Mission Viejo but all across the nation. It is not an easy job, and too often goes unheralded. I applaud the commitment of the Mission Viejo community to their team, and I congratulate them on a job well done.

I wish every member of the South Mission Viejo team the best of luck in the coming school year, and in future seasons. Congratulations.

Mr. President, I ask that the complete roster of the U.S. National Little League Champions be printed in the record.

The roster follows:

Taylor Bennett, Mike Cusick, Adam Elconin, Gavin Fabian, Gary Gattis, Brian Kraker, Chad Lucas, Nick Moore, Andrew

Nieves, Greg Oates, Ryan O'Donovan, Adam Sorgi, Ashton White, Jim Gattis, Manager, Al Elconin, Coach, Ed Sorgi, Coach.●

#### CONSTABLE SARA LEE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to give special thanks and appreciation for Constable Sarah Lee, who has visited us from Great Britain. Constable Lee serves as a Divisional Officer with the British Special Constables in Metro Police Area 5. As a member of the British Special Constables, I would like to honor her for the sacrifice which she, along with fellow British reserve police officers, makes for her country. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I offer my highest appreciation for the time and talent so generously given by both British and American police reserve officers.●

#### WILLIAM OSBORNE HART

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a beloved figure in Wisconsin politics, William Osborne Hart, who passed away on August 22. As a longtime activist in the State's Socialist Party, Hart ran for political office 25 times, and lost 25 times. He spread his message by running for office, and understood that he didn't need to win to make a difference. He once said "I don't buy that Vince Lombardi nonsense that winning is everything. Change is everything. Most politicians in American life who win have lost their souls."

William Hart brought about change by challenging his opponents, and the voters, with his ideas. He was a champion of the Bill of Rights, and always remained so, refusing to compromise when it was politically unpopular. A tireless political organizer, Hart was a cornerstone of Wisconsin's Socialist Party and helped found Wisconsin's Labor and Farm Party.

A great example of Hart's tenacity was his run for the Presidency in 1984. Though he was a well-known politician in his home State, Hart was almost kept off Wisconsin's Presidential primary ballot, not considered a viable candidate because he lacked national media exposure. He refused to abide by a decision that equated the ability to buy television time with the right to run for office, and sued for a place on the ballot with the Wisconsin branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Hart won his lawsuit and scored an important legal victory. He didn't win the primary, but he did make a difference.

"I've always said that if I won an election, the first thing I'd do is demand a recount," said Hart, who loved to say that he'd once come "dangerously close" to winning a seat on the Madison school board. In 1992, at 80 years old, Hart ran in his 25th and last election. Walking with two canes and suffering from heart problems, most people would have decided 24 times was enough. But Hart defied convention to the end, and exemplified integrity and commitment to those who knew him.

Though he felt strongly about politics, Hart never let partisanship get the better of him. His dignity, kindness and humor won him the respect and friendship of people across the political spectrum. He was also a deeply religious man who often acted as a lay preacher and was inspired by faith in everything he did.

His message has resonated with me and so many others because of its simple truth: being true to your own beliefs is the highest ideal. I have tried to heed Hart's message in my own life, and I'll always be grateful for his example of political courage.●

#### IN HONOR OF MELINE KASPARIAN

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, on Saturday, August 16th, 1997, this nation lost a leader in the fight for quality public education. The history of this country demonstrates that it is only through education that we can give the next generation the tools they need to prosper and advance, and Meline Kasparian of Massachusetts embodied this commitment every day of her professional life.

Meline spent twenty-five years in the classrooms of Springfield, Massachusetts, teaching two subjects that she loved dearly: English and theater. Her students were profoundly touched by her ability to present works from a broad spectrum of history and make them relevant and applicable to the modern age. In the course of teaching, she exposed her students to a broad variety of artists, including the works of African-American playwrights and authors such as James Baldwin and Julius Lester. This love of art, literature and history inspired her to work with the Black Repertory Theatre at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where her extensive contributions will be missed for years to come.

Ultimately, though, Ms. Kasparian will be remembered for her contributions to education on both the local and state level. From 1987 to 1996, Meline Kasparian devoted her time to numerous associations committed to retaining the highest educational standards in the country. Her career as a committed leader in Massachusetts began with her service as president of the Springfield Education Association in 1987 and culminated in her election as president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, an organization 80,000 members strong, in 1996.

Ms. Kasparian's fight for quality public education made her prominent on the national stage, as well. At conferences, workshops and round-tables, she worked with politicians and education advocates from all over the country. She included in her focus numerous Democratic National Conventions, where she proudly represented the people of Massachusetts as a delegate. At these and other national conferences, Meline distinguished herself as a tireless advocate for the expansion of educational opportunities. Realizing

the impact it had on educational priorities, she invested considerable time in the electoral process of her state, working on campaigns for legislators such as John Olver, and, I am proud to say, in my re-election campaign in 1996.

Ms. Kasparian's charity and service extended beyond her profession. She hosted fundraisers for international relief organizations, demonstrating her deep and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life for others throughout the world. In and of themselves, her contributions to housing through the work of the Amherst Housing Review Board, which she helped to establish, are worthy of recognition.

It is with our knowledge of Meline Kasparian as an influential leader and a selfless and caring woman that we honor her for her efforts in educating thousands of young people across Massachusetts and attempting to bring educational opportunities to every child.●

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—VITIATION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the President be requested to return to the Senate the resolution of the Senate of July 24, 1997, advising and consenting to nominations in the Navy beginning John A. Achenbach, to be captain, and ending Sreten Zivovic, to be captain; further, that the confirmation of the nominations be vitiated, and when returned by the President, the nominations be returned to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 5. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate immediately begin debate on the motion to proceed to S. 830, the FDA reform bill, and that the debate time be equally divided in the usual form until 9:50 a.m.

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

Mr. ENZI. I further ask that at 9:50 a.m. the Senate proceed to a cloture