

which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the interpretation and implementation plans of "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subparts A, B, C, and C, Redefinition to Include Water Subject to Subsistence Priority: Final Rule."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., to hear testimony on the Use of Seclusion and Restraints in Mental Hospitals and the Nomination hearing for William Halter, to be Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in S-407, The Capitol.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, in open session, to receive testimony on the Real Property Maintenance program and the Maintenance of Historic Homes and Senior Officers' Quarters.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN FRYMOYER

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Vermonter, Dr. John Frymoyer. John's unwavering commitment toward improving the health of all Vermonters serves as a testament to us all. His long and distinguished career began at the University of Vermont in 1964. Now, as he prepares for his retirement, he is a stunning example of how much one person can accomplish in a lifetime—how one person can positively affect so many.

John began his career specializing in orthopaedics and quickly became one

of the world's leading authorities on lower back pain—something many of us can relate to. He served as Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery from 1979–1987, and Chief Executive Officer of the University Health Center from 1987–1991. His leadership posts include the Director of the McClure Musculoskeletal Research Center and one of the founders of the Vermont Back Research Center. He also helped launch the acclaimed International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine.

John was one of the key architects of Fletcher Allen Health Care, which in 1995 combined the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, Fanny Allen Hospital and the University Health Center. In doing so, Fletcher Allen emerged as one of northern New England's pre-eminent health care providers. It was a very bold move, but a necessary one considering the dynamics of our health care system. John rose to the challenge, and it was no surprise that he served as Fletcher Allen's first chief executive officer, simultaneously while he was at the helm of the College of Medicine.

Since 1991, John has served as Dean of the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Simply put, his accomplishments as Dean are far too many to list, but certainly, strengthening UVM's research programs, building a curriculum for the 21st century, and addressing the unique health care needs of our rural communities are among them. On a more personal note, whether as Dean, doctor or professor, John was always approachable, something I know his students, faculty and staff admired and appreciated.

I should also acknowledge John's willingness to personally advise me over the years on critical health care and education matters. As a longtime member, and now Chairman, of the committee which oversees health care and education policy, it was comforting to know that I could always rely on John's competence and expertise in such areas as medical research, telemedicine, home health care, graduate medical education and Medicare reform. In this, as in every other capacity, his mark has been left far beyond that of the UVM campus. It is this deep commitment to his patients, students and the greater community that has endeared him to us.

One might imagine that amidst all his responsibilities, John would find little time for extracurricular activities—not so. John is also an accomplished organist, a published author and a skilled woodworker. In fact, he designed much of the furniture adorning the Dean's office. He also helped design an extensive playground for Burlington's King Street Area Youth Program, and he served as a captain in the Vermont National Guard for eight years.

Vermont has much to be grateful for when it comes to John's steadfast commitment to improving the quality of

life in our small state. Although he is retiring on the last day of this century, it is reassuring to know that his legacy will lead the College of Medicine, Fletcher Allen and the greater community we call Vermont, into the next millennium. For that, Vermont owes a great deal of gratitude to John Frymoyer. We wish him well.●

THE PASSING OF MR. HARRY VANDEMORE

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the memory of a departed friend and trusted advisor, Harry VanDeMore of Canton, South Dakota; a lifelong advocate for veterans and the citizens of Lincoln County, South Dakota.

Harry's dedication to community began with his own service in the Seventh Infantry Division of the United States Army. He served meritoriously on the frontlines of the Korean War, earning the Combat Infantryman Badge for Excellent Performance. Unfortunately, on October 14, 1952, he received serious combat injuries to the face, left arm, and left leg. For two years, he underwent thirty surgeries at Denver's Fitzsimmons Army Hospital to mend his injuries. As a result of his injuries, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

After being discharged, he returned to Hudson, South Dakota, where he married Rose Ann McNamara, his wife of forty-four years, and farmed the lands of Hudson with his parents and brothers. Community was second only to his family. Harry always brought his family to events he attended. Many people who worked with Harry knew his children just as well.

Harry dedicated his life to veterans "because he went through it," according to Rose, his wife. His first service was to help the returning Vietnam War veterans who were facing mass rejection. Harry was honored by his peers when he was elected to the Disabled American Veterans National Executive Committee for the Fourteenth District, gaining wide respect serving a four-state region. His dedication was also present with his eighteen years on the state D.A.V. Executive Committee where he served as state commander; with his years as American Legion Post Commander in Hudson; and as president of the South Dakota Veteran's Council.

Many have dedicated their life only to this very important cause, but Harry also served the whole community with seven years as chairman of the Hudson School Board and his years on the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission. It was on the commission where he helped make roads safer for fellow farmers because they were farm-to-market roads.

Harry was always a valuable citizen-counsel to me. He always helped to keep me abreast of veterans' hardships during my days as a state legislator, then as a member of the House, and

now, during my service in the U.S. Senate. I will forever miss his perspective on the uniquely tragic situation many of America's servicemen and women are in today. His life is a model to all South Dakotans and all Americans.

Harry VandeMore will be missed. He served by dedicating his life to his community and comrades, leading by example. As a soldier, a farmer, a husband and father, and as a public servant, he served not only the veterans, who are too often passed over, but the entire community, so others would not have to go through hardship.●

GRIZ ACES PROGRAM

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Griz ACES (Athletes Committed to Excellence in School, Sport, Services, and Social responsibility) Program at The University of Montana-Missoula. This Veterans Day, November 11, 1999, over 200 student athletes will forgo a holiday to serve the Missoula community by participating in "Smart Choice Day." Grizzly athletes will visit local schools and promote the concept of service above self. They will speak to students about the virtues of being a positive role model. Griz ACES is a comprehensive year-round program of personnel development that is based on our Nation's founding principle, which is service to country. I commend these student athletes and the service men and women who have provided the guiding light for this excellent program.●

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. ALKIE CARL KAUFMAN

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Alkie Carl Kaufman (RET) on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

Lt. Col. Kaufman enlisted in the United States Army, Company E, 121st Infantry, Georgia National Guard in January 1927. In September 1940, he was called to active duty with the 121st Infantry, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Lt. Col. Kaufman bravely served as a company commander in the 30th Infantry Division, 8th Infantry Division and 77th Infantry Division during World War II. Later, Lt. Col. Kaufman served as company commander, battalion executive officer, battalion commander, and Regimental S-2 (Intelligence Officer) with the 94th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations during World War II.

Following World War II and the Korean Conflict, Lt. Col. Kaufman proudly served his country across the country and around the globe. His assignments included Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Tokyo, Japan, and Giessen, Germany. Lt. Col. Kaufman retired from the Army in 1960 with more than 33 years of service to the nation.

After retiring from military service, Lt. Col. Kaufman joined the staff of the First National Bank of Brunswick and

retired as Vice President for Loans in 1977.

Lt. Col. Kaufman and his wife Frances had two children who chose to follow in their father's footsteps and join the armed services. Carl Kaufman retired from the U.S. Air Force with twenty-two years of service, and Col. Daniel Kaufman has served the United States Army for thirty-one years and is currently professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy.

I am proud to salute Lt. Col. Kaufman for his great service to his nation and his family and I wish him well as he celebrates his ninetieth birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) for having won the 1999 Overall Achievement Award from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

In receiving this award, the CCMPO is being recognized by its peers for excellence in coalition building, innovative planning and programming, integration of transportation planning with land use and community development, and for implementation of the Surface Transportation Equity Act.

Citizen participation, consensus building and pragmatic implementation have long been hallmarks of Vermont civic life. I am proud that the CCMPO has received such a prestigious award for bringing these qualities to their work.

The Chittenden County Metropolitan Organization is an effective administrator of federal and state transportation funds, but has gone well beyond this basic role to also develop alternative transportation plans and support public transportation systems. The CCMPO has also taken an active role in exploring the relationship between transportation planning and smart growth strategies, helping to make Vermont a nationally recognized leader in this subject area.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I join the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations in honoring the members and staff of the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization for their significant achievements.●

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JOHN L. PETERSON

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the long and distinguished career of Judge John L. Peterson. After serving in the District Bankruptcy Court for 35 years, Jack is retiring. As a native of Butte, MT, Jack has become a fixture in the Montana court system.

His tenure on the bench has earned him the distinction as "Dean" of bank-

ruptcy judges in this century. Jack is a no-nonsense type of judge, just ask any lawyer that has ever come before Judge Peterson, they had to learn that quickly. He has saved bankruptcy clients and lawyers thousands of dollars by pioneering video trials. He has proved over and over that he is innovative and effective. As the longest serving bankruptcy judge in the United States his experience and wisdom will be sorely missed..

Although his absence will leave a void in the courts, the handball courts and golf courses in Butte will get to see a lot more of him. Jack's retirement will also allow him to spend some welcome time with his wife, Jean, his three children and four grandchildren.

On behalf of myself and the people of Montana who have benefited from Judge Peterson's wisdom and service over the last 35 years, I extend my thanks and warmest wishes for a long and happy retirement.●

HONORING RAMON DE LA CRUZ

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the efforts of my constituent, Mr. Ramon de la Cruz, who serves as President of the Hispanic Bar Association, HBA, of New Jersey. Mr. de la Cruz is being honored on November 6, 1999 at the Annual Scholarship Gala of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, and I am proud to congratulate him on a job well done.

Recently, we celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month. I am proud today to recognize the efforts of a man and organization who illustrate so well the strong work ethic, deep affinity to service and commitment to our nation of the Hispanic American community. For countless years, Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in our legal system, and I am proud to represent a state with a large concentration of Hispanic Americans. Their commitment to this country has not gone unnoticed.

Ramon de la Cruz has been active with the HBA for the past ten years and has served with distinction. He has lent his support to countless causes, including the promotion of qualified Hispanic lawyers for state and federal judgeships, creating scholarship opportunities for law students, and initiating professional exchange opportunities in conjunction with other bar associations. Additionally, Ramon has served as editor of ABOGADO, the official publication of the HBA, for four years. Furthermore, when it came time to consider candidates for the federal bench, Ramon was one of the people I turned to for assistance. I was proud to submit to the White House the nomination of Judge Julio Fuentes to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Ramon worked extensively with my staff to bring this to fruition. Ramon has been vital to the success of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey. Through his efforts, membership has grown to approximately three times that of previous years.