

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 729, the National Monument Public Participation Act of 1999. A bill to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on Federal land.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEETCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND
FORESTRY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday June 24, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss agricultural issues related to a variety of trade topics.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN
AFFAIRS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "Export Administration Act Reauthorization: Private Sector Views."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine the implications of the proposed acquisition of the Atlantic Richfield Company by BP Amoco, PLC.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to

meet Thursday, June 24, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room SD-215, to conduct a markup.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for an executive business meeting, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. in Senate Dirksen, Room 226.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 24, 1999, at 2:15 pm on FAA research and development.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS,
PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety be granted permission to conduct a hearing on NO_x/State Implementation Plans Thursday, June 24, 9:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 2:45 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia be permitted to meet on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 11:00

a.m. for a hearing on H.R. 974—The District of Columbia College Access Act and S. 856—Expanded Options in Higher Education for District of Columbia Students Act of 1999.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THREE GEORGIAN
HEROES

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I am deeply honored to rise today to recognize Douglas Scales, Floyd Eugene Collins, Jr., and Richard Floyd Burnham, Jr., three young men from my home town of Lithonia, Georgia who fought in Vietnam, but tragically, did not come home. On July 5, 1999, the city of Lithonia will dedicate the Lithonia Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor the sacrifices of these heroic young men. It is said, "Poor is the nation which has no heroes. Poorer still is the nation which has them, but forgets." We will dedicate this memorial to remember, and to show our heart-felt appreciation to these young men for fighting for our country, and to say thank you to their families for their own sacrifices in the name of our freedom.

As I mentioned, this memorial will be dedicated on July 5, one day after we will celebrate July 4, our Independence Day. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. In that powerful and historic document, the thirteen colonies declared themselves a self-governing body, and rightly stated that King George VIII had "plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people."

It strikes me that those words could have applied to many situations and many cruel and despotic rulers since 1776. I think of Hitler's Germany, I think of Vietnam, I think even of Bosnia and Kosovo. But because of the principals of our founding fathers and because of many great American presidents who have followed, the United States has been in a unique but sobering position to defend not only its own freedom, but the very concept of freedom across the globe. That was the case in 1967 when Specialist Collins was in Bien Hoa. That was the case in 1968 when Private First Class Scales was in Tay Ninh. That was the case in 1968 when Specialist Burnham was in Quan Nam. It is still the case today.

Three Georgians signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. On July 5, we will unveil and honor the names of three Georgians. Winston Churchill described his concept of duty in this way, "What is the use of living if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will have it after we are gone." Doug Scales, Floyd Eugene Collins, Jr. and Richard Floyd Burnham,

Jr. strove for noble causes and made this world a better place for us. My colleague and fellow Vietnam Veteran Senator JOHN KERREY described what he remembered most about his experience. "The shared struggle to do more than survive," he said. "And most of all to bestow honor on our service and to our friends who were lost." In this small way, we in Lithonia hope to bestow honor on our friends, our brothers, our sons and husbands who were lost. Not, we say, in vain.●

TRIBUTE TO ORION COMPUTER SOURCING GROUP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Orion Computer Sourcing Group for being named one of Entrepreneur Magazine's "Hot 100" fastest growing businesses in the country. Orion was the highest ranking of the three New Hampshire business included on this prestigious list and one of only seven New England businesses recognized by the magazine.

This Portsmouth based company, which purchases excess computer hardware from manufacturers and sells it to clients like Hewlett-Packard, Compaq, and Packard Bell, is definitely on the move. Orion's president, Grant Guilbeault, started the company in his basement in October of 1997 with just \$30,000. It has grown to a work force of 14, and continues to expand as business increases. Orion has more than doubled last year's revenue, and similar growth is expected for next year.

Orion Computer Sourcing is not content with resting on its laurels. Grant Guilbeault and the entire Orion team have set their goals for the future and are currently in the process of making plans to grow the company into a \$100-million dollar business in the next few years. If their efforts of the past 18 months are any indication, I have no doubt they will reach their goals.

Part of Orion's tremendous success has been their ability to come together as a team and have a good time. One of the centerpieces of the office is a pool table where all the employees can gather to enjoy themselves, escape the pressures of building a business, and get to know each other. It has obviously been a very successful formula for everyone at Orion.

Once again, I wish to congratulate the employees of Orion on their achievement. I am proud to serve you in the United States Senate.●

RETIREMENT OF SAM HARMAN

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a most outstanding and accomplished citizen of Georgia, Mr. Sam Harman, on the eve of his retirement from the public schools system. As an educator for 36 years, Sam Harman's work ethic, coupled with his goal of excellence at each of his schools has earned him the sincere respect and

admiration of his Dunwoody, Georgia community.

Mr. Harman began his career as a math, social studies and science teacher. Later, he coached football and driver's education. His first administrative job was as principal of one of Georgia's largest middle schools, in Cobb County, Georgia. In 1987, he was named the principal of Vanderlyn Elementary in Dunwoody, Georgia, where he remains today.

Throughout his tenure at Vanderlyn, Mr. Harman has always put his duties to his school ahead of anything else to make this school an example of excellence not only in the community, but in the public school system at large. He arrives at school at 6 o'clock each morning and stays until 6 o'clock every night. He is a remarkable person with energy to spare.

Sam Harman's dedication to education and his contributions to the community are numerous. To really get an understanding of this wonderful man, you only have to look at his school's many accomplishments. Under his watch, Vanderlyn Elementary has expanded from 400 to more than 700 students. Scholastically, Vanderlyn ranks in the top five schools in Georgia. National test scores for the past five years show Vanderlyn students averaging above the 90th percentile in virtually every academic subject. Teacher transfer rates are extremely low while pupil and teacher attendance rates are among the highest in the country. These statistics are the direct result of Sam Harman's commitment to this school.

Mr. Harman takes a personal interest in every child in his school, and knows each by name. He visits each classroom daily, and supervises both lunchroom and bus duty both to reduce the work of his teachers and to interact with the children. Strong pride exists at Vanderlyn because students, parents and staff know that Principal Harman cares about them as individuals.

While his compassion for others is unique, he is also a firm mediator and strict disciplinarian. Mr. Harman has a rule that students must come to school to learn. Students are well aware that anyone who performs differently will be dealt with swiftly and directly. Simply put, Mr. Harman will not allow any students to disrupt the learning process.

After eleven years at Vanderlyn and 36 years in education, Mr. Harman has now decided to retire. Instead of rising at dawn to herd children, he will be getting up to herd cattle on his farm, where he hopes to spend much more time.

Mr. President, I warmly request that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to a most outstanding man, Mr. Sam Harman of Atlanta, GA. We have been richly blessed to find such a caring and dedicated school leader who has positively touched the lives of many. I thank him, as well as his family, for allowing us to occupy so much of his time for these past 36 years.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP I. EARL

● Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Phillip I. Earl, the Curator of History for the Nevada Historical Society in Reno. Phillip Earl will be retiring from the Nevada Historical Society on June 30, 1999 after 30 years of service to the State of Nevada.

Allow me to introduce Phillip Earl. He grew up in Boulder City, Nevada and graduated from high school there in 1955. After high school, Phillip Earl started working in construction and later in 1957, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Europe until 1960.

After his service to his country, Phillip Earl began attending classes at Nevada Southern university in Las Vegas. He transferred to Reno for his senior year and graduated with a degree in history/political science and education. Phillip Earl was a graduate assistant for two years following his graduation. During that time he taught school in Reno and was married.

In 1973 Phillip Earl began his career at the Nevada Historical Society. During his tenure, he has worked under six governors, two acting directors, and three directors. He has worked with four assistant directors. Phillip Earl has also worked with many photo curators, accountants, registrars, and volunteers. Phillip Earl has survived them all. He has provided his expertise and passion for history with editors, copy writers, authors, curriculum specialists, teachers, exhibit designers and many others whose jobs reflect on history in one way or another.

He started at the Nevada Historical Society as a Museum Attendant and worked his way up to Curator of Exhibits and later Curator of History, his present role at the Historical Society.

Phillip Earl has many achievements since serving as Curator of History. He is best known in Nevada for his popular history column, "This Was Nevada," which went out to some 26 newspapers around the state. When the column's first edition came out in May of 1975, there were six people on the column's staff. But the column eventually fell into the very capable hands of Phillip Earl who became it's only author. In 1986, the Historical Society published the first volume of articles from the column and a second volume is under production and scheduled to be released this summer. This second volume of Phillip Earl's column will probably be a very popular item, because his column, "This Was Nevada" retires with Phillip Earl later this month making his retirement even more special for Nevada and the history he has been able to capture for over 20 years.

Phillip Earl also writes scholarly essays for the Nevada Historical Society Quarterly and the Humboldt Historian, the journal of the North Central Nevada Historical Society.

He has explored many historical topics in depth over his career. Some of these are the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, early aviation,