

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN ADELSON
HOSPICE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the important work of the Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas.

For more than 25 years, the Nathan Adelson Hospice has been the only non-profit provider of hospice care in southern Nevada. When the Nathan Adelson Hospice was established in 1978, it was one of the first hospices in the country. Its mission is to provide dignified and compassionate care for the terminally ill and their loved ones. In keeping with this mission, no one is turned away from the Nathan Adelson Hospice due to lack of funds.

As great as it is, the Nathan Adelson Hospice is always trying to improve the care it offers to patients. Last year, the hospice began construction on a 16-bed, inpatient facility in Henderson, NV. This facility will provide respite services for families, pain and symptom management for patients, and day care for adults in the community. It is a state-of-the-art facility, and I am pleased to say that I was able to secure funds to help with its construction.

Finally, my recognition of the Nathan Adelson Hospice would be incomplete without mentioning its efforts on behalf of minorities. Studies indicate that minorities and members of traditionally underserved populations do not take advantage of hospice care as much as they should. In fact, while minorities make up almost 30 percent of the U.S. population, they account for fewer than 20 percent of hospice patients nationwide. Some experts have suggested that inequities in access to health care, cultural differences, and language barriers are responsible for this situation.

No matter the reasons, it is clear that members of minority communities could benefit from greater access to hospice care. That is why I was so pleased to hear of the Nathan Adelson Hospice's new efforts to expand care to Nevada's underserved minority communities.

Last week, the Nathan Adelson Hospice hosted a multicultural luncheon and concert in an effort to connect with minority businesses that want to sponsor outreach and educational efforts for minority communities in Las Vegas. This event was a creative way to build business and community partnerships while raising the profile of an important program.

I know you will join me in applauding the Nathan Adelson Hospice, and its efforts to increase minority participation in hospice care.

TRIBUTE TO DON WILSON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the work of my good friend, Don Wilson, who will be retiring after 22 years of service to the people of Nevada in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Don was born in Carl Junction, MO, in 1939. His father, like my own, was a miner, and the search for work led the Wilson family to move around the West for much of Don's early years. The Wilsons spent time in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Idaho, New Mexico and Washington State and finally settled in Henderson, NV in June 1952.

I first met Don at Basic High School in Henderson in 1957, and we quickly became friends. He and I both played on the football and baseball teams together, but Don was the star. He set many records, some of which stand to this day, and he led our high school teams to several championships. One year, he even batted over .500. With that type of talent, it is hardly surprising that Don earned a full athletic scholarship at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he graduated with a degree in marketing in 1961.

After graduation, Don worked for a few months for IBM Corporation. He was drafted, however, in 1962 and served his country honorably for 2 years in the Army. He worked in the Clark County Juvenile Justice System for over 15 years, trying to make a difference in the lives of troubled young Nevadans. During his time at the Juvenile Court, he served in various leadership positions, including director of the Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

Since then, Don has worked hard on behalf of Nevada on my staff—both in the House of Representatives and in the United States Senate. He filled many roles in my office over the years—legislative assistant, business manager, and currently deputy regional manager for my Las Vegas office—but, first and foremost, he has remained my trusted friend.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships." Don Wilson has been my friend for the better part of my life, and I thank him for this friendship and look forward to our continued relationship in the years to come.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF CHICAGO

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the fine members of the Union League Club of Chicago on the 125th anniversary of the organization's founding in 1879.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I thank all of the members of the Union League Club of Chicago, both past and present, for their shining example of civic leadership. The Union League Club of Chicago has a proud history of patriotism and service to the Chicago community, the State of Illinois, and the Nation. Since its founding to rally citizens in defense of the Union during the Civil War, this organization has forged partnerships with other prominent civic organizations to support a broad range of social, military, and nonpartisan political activities.

The same organization that was instrumental in bringing the World Columbian Exposition to Chicago in 1893

today supports Chicago youth with four Boys and Girls Clubs, sustains the arts through grants from the Union League Civic and Arts Foundation, and supports our Armed Forces through the Armed Forces Council of Chicago, an American Legion Post and several support groups.

I know that my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating members of the Union League Club of Chicago on their accomplishments and commitment to their community. I am confident that this proud history and tradition will continue with future generations of like-minded members for another 125 years.

RULES OF PROCEDURE—COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has adopted rules governing its procedures for the 109th Congress. Pursuant to Rules XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on behalf of myself and Senator AKAKA, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the Committee rules be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS RULES OF PROCEDURE
I. MEETINGS

(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as deemed necessary.

(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of each meeting whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed to the public.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Chairman, or such other Member as the Chairman may designate, shall preside at all meetings.

(d) Except as provided in rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no meeting of the Committee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.

(f) Written notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of Members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.

(g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the

Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless a written copy of such amendment has been delivered to each member of the Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting at which the amendment is to be proposed. This paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the members and shall apply only when 72-hour written notice has been provided in accordance with paragraph (f).

II. QUORUMS

(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), eight members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting or approving of any measure or matter or recommendation. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting any other business.

(b) In order to transact any business at a Committee meeting, at least one member of the minority shall be present. If, at any meeting, business cannot be transacted because of the absence of such a member, the matter shall lay over for a calendar day. If the presence of a minority member is not then obtained, business may be transacted by the appropriate quorum.

(c) One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony.

III. VOTING

(a) Votes may be cast by proxy. A proxy shall be written and may be conditioned by personal instructions. A proxy shall be valid only for the day given.

(b) There shall be a complete record kept of all Committee action. Such record shall contain the vote cast by each member of the Committee on any question on which a roll call vote is requested.

IV. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Except as specifically otherwise provided, the rules governing meetings shall govern hearings.

(b) At least 1 week in advance of the date of any hearing, the Committee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to make public announcements of the date, place, time, and subject matter of such hearing.

(c) The Committee shall require each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing to file 40 copies of such witness' testimony with the Committee not later than 48 hours prior to the witness' scheduled appearance unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member determine there is good cause for failure to do so.

(d) The presiding member at any hearing is authorized to limit the time allotted to each witness appearing before the Committee.

(e) The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, records, and any other materials. If the Chairman or a Committee staff member designated by the Chairman has not received from the Ranking Minority Member or a Committee staff member designated by the Ranking Minority Member notice of the Ranking Minority Member's nonconcurrence in the subpoena within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) of being notified of the Chairman's intention to subpoena attendance or production, the Chairman is authorized following the end of the 48-hour period involved to subpoena the same without the Ranking Minority Member's concurrence. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority Member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Committee. When the Committee or Chairman authorizes

a subpoena, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or of any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman.

(f) Except as specified in Committee Rule VII (requiring oaths, under certain circumstances, at hearings to confirm Presidential nominations), witnesses at hearings will be required to give testimony under oath whenever the presiding member deems such to be advisable.

V. MEDIA COVERAGE

Any Committee meeting or hearing which is open to the public may be covered by television, radio, and print media. Photographers, reporters, and crew members using mechanical recording, filming or broadcasting devices shall position and use their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, or hearing of the Committee members or staff or with the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing. The presiding member of the meeting or hearing may for good cause terminate, in whole or in part, the use of such mechanical devices or take such other action as the circumstances and the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing may warrant.

VI. GENERAL

All applicable requirements of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall govern the Committee.

VII. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

(a) Each Presidential nominee whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation and referred to this Committee shall submit a statement of his or her background and financial interests, including the financial interests of his or her spouse and of children living in the nominee's household, on a form approved by the Committee which shall be sworn to as to its completeness and accuracy. The Committee form shall be in two parts—

(A) information concerning employment, education, and background of the nominee which generally relates to the position to which the individual is nominated, and which is to be made public; and

(B) information concerning the financial and other background of the nominee, to be made public when the Committee determines that such information bears directly on the nominee's qualifications to hold the position to which the individual is nominated. Committee action on a nomination, including hearings or a meeting to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be initiated until at least five days after the nominee submits the form required by this rule unless the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, waives this waiting period.

(b) At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee and, at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath.

VIII. NAMING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES

It is the policy of the Committee that no Department of Veterans Affairs facility shall be named after any individual unless—

(A) such individual is deceased and was—

(1) a veteran who (i) was instrumental in the construction or the operation of the facility to be named, or (ii) was a recipient of the Medal of Honor or, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, otherwise performed military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;

(2) a member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;

(3) an Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense or of a service branch, or a military

or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or

(4) an individual who, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, performed outstanding service for veterans;

(B) each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the designated facility is located has indicated in writing such member's support of the proposal to name such facility after such individual; and

(C) the pertinent State department or chapter of each Congressionally chartered veterans' organization having a national membership of at least 500,000 has indicated in writing its support of such proposal.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The rules of the Committee may be changed, modified, amended, or suspended at any time, provided, however, that no less than a majority of the entire membership so determine at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. The rules governing quorums for reporting legislative matters shall govern rules changes, modification, amendments, or suspension.

UNITED STATES-INDONESIA MILITARY RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, last week I listened to the comments of my friend, the senior Senator from Missouri, regarding the devastating impact of the tsunami in Aceh, Indonesia, which caused so much loss of life and destruction of property. Senator BOND paid tribute to the contributions of American relief agencies that have done so much to alleviate the suffering there, and I want to echo those comments.

He also expressed concern about what he called "unintended consequences" of restrictions on our assistance to the Indonesian military, otherwise known as the TNI. Specifically, he referred to the International Military Education and Training Program, and spare parts for C-130 aircraft.

I want to respond to that portion of Senator BOND's remarks, to be sure there is no misunderstanding about what our law says.

To begin with, I want to disabuse those who might be misled by some Indonesian officials who often mistakenly refer to a U.S. military "embargo" against Indonesia. I ask unanimous consent that a Defense Department document from our Embassy in Jakarta, which describes the many programs and other contacts we currently have with the TNI, be printed in the RECORD at the end of my remarks.

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

(See exhibit 1.)

Mr. LEAHY. The fact is that the TNI participates in training programs under both the expanded International Military Education and Training, E-IMET, program and the Counterterrorism Fellowship Program, CTFP. This is the largest CTFP program currently underway anywhere in the world. Millions of dollars have been appropriated for these programs in recent years, including for the types of defense management, military justice, civil military relations, and other courses that