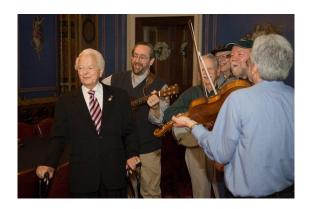


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## Byrd and West Virginia-Based Gandydancer Sing Traditional Mountain Music in Nation's Capitol



Washington, D.C.... U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., takes some time out of Appropriations negotiations to sing a few familiar mountain tunes with West Virginiacs own Gandydancer

(<a href="http://www.fiddletunes.com/pages/gandy.htm">http://www.fiddletunes.com/pages/gandy.htm</a>). The West Virginia-based Gandydancer performed on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at the Library of Congress during its "Homegrown - The Music of America" festival. Gandydancer then visited Senator Byrd, who is a lifelong fiddle player and mountain music fan, in his U.S. Capitol office where the band performed a few numbers for Senator Byrd and members of his staff.

"It is wonderful to have the sounds of home fill the halls of our nation & Capitol," Byrd said. "There & nothing like good, old-fashioned mountain music to remind me of the hills and valleys of West Virginia."