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- ~~A. The new thematic emphasis of the Old Capitol Museum (as of 2009) is the history of government in the building.~~
- ~~B. The facility use policy of the Old Capitol Museum states that the premises are not available to private individuals for personal use.~~
- ~~C. Exceptions may be made to allow the bodies of statewide elected officials to lie in state in the Rotunda.~~
- ~~D. Requests to lie in state may be made only by the family of the deceased elected official.~~
- ~~E. Permission may be granted only by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Department.~~
- ~~F. The vote may be taken during a board meeting or by conference call or email.~~
- ~~G. The Board of Trustees has approved and granted permission to allow former governors to lie in state in the Rotunda upon family request.~~

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