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To improve the operations of the Senate.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. FORD, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, reported the following original resolution; which was placed on the calendar

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**RESOLUTION**

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This resolution may be cited as  
4 the “Senate Procedures Reform Resolution of 1994”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is  
6 as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Senate committee structure.
- Sec. 3. Senate committee scheduling.
- Sec. 4. Senate committee attendance.
- Sec. 5. Report of unexpended funds.
- Sec. 6. Effective date.

1 **SEC. 2. SENATE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.**

2 Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of rule XXV of the Standing  
3 Rules of the Senate are amended to read as follows:

4 “2. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 4 of  
5 this rule, each of the following standing committees shall  
6 consist of the number of Senators set forth in the follow-  
7 ing table on the line on which the name of that committee  
8 appears:

“Committee:	Members
“Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry .....	17
“Appropriations .....	28
“Armed Services .....	16
“Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs .....	14
“Commerce, Science, and Transportation .....	16
“Energy and Natural Resources .....	17
“Environment and Public Works .....	13
“Finance .....	19
“Foreign Relations .....	14
“Governmental Affairs .....	16
“Judiciary .....	16
“Labor and Human Resources .....	14

9 “3. (a) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph  
10 4 of this rule, each of the following committees shall con-  
11 sist of the number of Senators (or Senate members, in  
12 the case of a joint committee) set forth in the following  
13 table on the line on which the name of that committee  
14 appears:

“Committee:	Members
“Aging .....	14
“Budget .....	21
“Joint Economic .....	10
“Rules and Administration .....	11
“Small Business .....	19
“Veterans’ Affairs .....	11

15 “(b) The following committees shall consist of the  
16 number of Senators set forth in the following table:

“Committee:	Members
“Ethics .....	6
“Indian Affairs .....	14
“Intelligence .....	13

1       “4. (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided by this para-  
2 graph—

3               “(A) each Senator may serve on only two com-  
4 mittees listed in paragraph 2; and

5               “(B) each Senator may serve on only one com-  
6 mittee listed in paragraph 3(a).

7       “(2) No Senator may serve on—

8               “(A) both the Committee on Appropriations  
9 and the Committee on Finance; or

10              “(B) both the Committee on Armed Services  
11 and the Committee on Foreign Relations.

12       “(b)(1) Each Senator may serve on not more than  
13 two subcommittees of each committee (other than the  
14 Committee on Appropriations) listed in paragraph 2 of  
15 which he is a member.

16       “(2) Each Senator may serve on not more than one  
17 subcommittee of a committee listed in paragraph 3(a) of  
18 which he is a member.

19       “(3) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), a  
20 Senator serving as chairman or ranking minority member  
21 of a standing, select, or special committee of the Senate  
22 or joint committee of the Congress may serve ex officio,

1 without vote, as a member of any subcommittee of such  
2 committee or joint committee.

3 “(4) No committee of the Senate may establish any  
4 subunit of that committee other than a subcommittee, un-  
5 less the Senate by resolution has given permission there-  
6 for. For purposes of this subparagraph, any subunit of  
7 a joint committee shall be treated as a subcommittee.

8 “(c) By agreement entered into by the majority lead-  
9 er and the minority leader, the membership of one or more  
10 standing committees may be increased temporarily from  
11 time to time by such number or numbers as may be re-  
12 quired to accord to the majority party a majority of the  
13 membership of all standing committees. When any such  
14 temporary increase is necessary to accord to the majority  
15 party a majority of the membership of all standing com-  
16 mittees, members of the majority party in such number  
17 as may be required for that purpose may serve as mem-  
18 bers of three standing committees listed in paragraph 2.  
19 No such temporary increase in the membership of any  
20 standing committee under this subparagraph shall be con-  
21 tinued in effect after the need therefor has ended. No  
22 standing committee may be increased in membership  
23 under this subparagraph by more than two members in  
24 excess of the number prescribed for that committee by  
25 paragraph 2 or 3(a).

1       “(d) A Senator may serve as a member of any joint  
2 committee of the Congress the Senate members of which  
3 are required by law to be appointed from a standing com-  
4 mittee of the Senate of which the Senator is a member,  
5 and service as a member of any such joint committee shall  
6 not be taken into account for purposes of subparagraph  
7 (a)(1).

8       “(e)(1) No Senator shall serve at any time as chair-  
9 man of more than one standing, select, or special commit-  
10 tee of the Senate or joint committee of the Congress, ex-  
11 cept that a Senator may serve as chairman of any joint  
12 committee of the Congress having jurisdiction with respect  
13 to a subject matter which is directly related to the jurisdic-  
14 tion of a standing committee of which he is chairman.

15       “(2) A Senator who is serving as the chairman of  
16 a committee listed in paragraph 2 may serve at any time  
17 as the chairman of only one subcommittee of all commit-  
18 tees listed in paragraph 2 of which he is a member and  
19 may serve at any time as the chairman of only one sub-  
20 committee of each committee listed in paragraph 3(a) of  
21 which he is a member. A Senator who is serving as the  
22 chairman of a committee listed in paragraph 3(a) may not  
23 serve as the chairman of any subcommittee of that com-  
24 mittee, and may serve at any time as the chairman of only  
25 one subcommittee of each committee listed in paragraph

1 2 of which he is a member. Any other Senator may serve  
2 as the chairman of only one subcommittee of each commit-  
3 tee listed in paragraph 2 or 3(a) of which he is a member.

4 “(f) The provisions of this paragraph may only be  
5 waived by the Senate by a resolution designating the Sen-  
6 ator or Senators receiving the waiver and adopted by an  
7 affirmative yea-and-nay vote of the Senators duly chosen  
8 and sworn. The resolution shall be offered by the majority  
9 leader with the approval of the minority leader. The reso-  
10 lution shall be privileged and no amendment thereto shall  
11 be in order. Debate on the resolution shall be limited to  
12 one hour, equally divided.”.

13 **SEC. 3. SENATE COMMITTEE SCHEDULING.**

14 Paragraph 3 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of  
15 the Senate is amended to read as follows:

16 “3. (a) Each standing committee (except the Commit-  
17 tee on Appropriations) shall fix regular weekly, biweekly,  
18 or monthly meeting days for the transaction of business  
19 before the committee and additional meetings may be  
20 called by the chairman as the chairman may deem nec-  
21 essary.

22 “(b)(1) The provisions of this subparagraph apply to  
23 the committees’ meetings (including meetings to conduct  
24 hearings) of committees listed in paragraphs 2 and 3(a)  
25 of rule XXV held on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

1       “(2) On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, only those com-  
2 mittees listed in paragraph 2 of rule XXV (except the  
3 Committee on Appropriations) shall meet for the trans-  
4 action of business before the committee.

5       “(3) On Thursdays, only those committees listed in  
6 paragraph 3(a) of rule XXV (except the Committee on the  
7 Budget) shall meet for the transaction of business before  
8 the committee.

9       “(4) Subcommittees of a full committee referred to  
10 in division (2) or (3) may only meet on a day that the  
11 full committee may meet. Subcommittees may not meet  
12 when the full committee is meeting.

13       “(5) No committee referred to in division (2) or (3)  
14 or any subcommittee thereof may meet, without special  
15 leave, on a day on which such committee or subcommittee  
16 is not authorized to meet unless consent therefore has  
17 been obtained from the majority leader and the minority  
18 leader (or in the event of the absence of either of such  
19 leader, from the designee of the leaders). The majority  
20 leader or the designee of the majority leader shall an-  
21 nounce to the Senate whenever consent has been given  
22 under this division and shall state the time and place of  
23 such meeting. The right to make such announcement of  
24 consent shall have the same priority as the filing of a clo-  
25 ture motion.

1       “(c) If at least three members of any standing com-  
2 mittee (except the Committee on Appropriations) desire  
3 that a special meeting of the committee be called by the  
4 chairman and subject to the provisions of subparagraph  
5 (b), those members may file in the offices of the committee  
6 their written request to the chairman for that special  
7 meeting. Immediately upon the filing of the request, the  
8 clerk of the committee shall notify the chairman of the  
9 filing of the request. If, within three calendar days after  
10 the filing of the request, the chairman does not call the  
11 requested special meeting, to be held within seven calendar  
12 days after the filing of the request, a majority of the mem-  
13 bers of the committee may file in the offices of the commit-  
14 tee their written notice that a special meeting of the com-  
15 mittee will be held, specifying the date and hour of that  
16 special meeting. The committee shall meet on that date  
17 and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice, the  
18 clerk of the committee shall notify all members of the com-  
19 mittee that such special meeting will be held and inform  
20 them of its date and hour. If the chairman of any such  
21 committee is not present at any regular, additional, or spe-  
22 cial meeting of the committee, the ranking member of the  
23 majority party on the committee who is present shall pre-  
24 side at that meeting.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SENATE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE.**

2 Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

4 “(14) The chairman of each committee of the  
5 Senate shall maintain a record of committee attend-  
6 ance and voting records that shall be available to the  
7 public.”.

8 **SEC. 5. REPORT OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS.**

9 Not later than January 31, 1995, and by that date  
10 each year thereafter, the Secretary of the Senate shall cer-  
11 tify and publish in the Congressional Record a list identi-  
12 fying each member of the Senate who has used less than  
13 the amount allocated to the personal office of the member  
14 during the preceding fiscal year and the amount of such  
15 unused allocation.

16 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This resolution and the amendments made by this  
18 resolution shall take effect on January 3, 1995.

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