79.14

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Whereas the Senate supports the principle that each individual is entitled to the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the Senate as an employer is not compelled by law to provide to its employees the protections against discrimination established in the Equal Pay Act of 1963 or title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That (a) no Member, officer, or employee of the Senate shall, with respect to employment by the Senate or any office thereof—

(1) fail or refuse to hire an individual,
(2) discharge an individual, or
(3) otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to promotion, compensation, or terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, on the basis of such individual’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin or state of handicap.

(b) Each Member, officer, and employee of the Senate shall encourage the hiring of women and members of minority groups at all levels of employment on the staffs of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate.

[S. Res. 534, 94–2, Sept. 8, 1976.]

79.15

REORGANIZATION OF SENATE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Resolved, That this resolution may be cited as the “Committee System Reorganization Amendments of 1977”.

TITLE 1—SENATE COMMITTEES; JURISDICTIONS AND SIZES

SEC. 104. (a)(1) There is established a Special Committee on Aging (hereafter in this section referred to as the “special committee”) which shall consist of nineteen members. The members and chairman of the special committee shall be appointed in the same manner and at the same time as the members and chairman of a standing committee of the Senate. After the date on which the majority and mi-
nority members of the special committee are initially appointed on or after the effective date of title I of the Committee System Reorganization Amendments of 1977, each time a vacancy occurs in the membership of the special committee, the number of members of the special committee shall be reduced by one until the number of members of the special committee consists of nine Senators.

(2) For purposes of paragraph 1 of rule XXV; paragraphs 1, 7(a)(1)–(2), 9, and 10(a) of rule XXVI; and paragraphs 1(a)–(d), and 2 (a) and (d) of rule XXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; and for purposes of section 202 (i) and (j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the special committee shall be treated as a standing committee of the Senate.

(b)(1) It shall be the duty of the special committee to conduct a continuing study of any and all matters pertaining to problems and opportunities of older people, including, but not limited to, problems and opportunities of maintaining health, of assuring adequate income, of finding employment, of engaging in productive and rewarding activity, of securing proper housing, and, when necessary, of obtaining care or assistance. No proposed legislation shall be referred to such committee, and such committee shall not have power to report by bill, or otherwise have legislative jurisdiction.

(2) The special committee shall, from time to time (but not less often than once each year), report to the Senate the results of the study conducted pursuant to paragraph (1), together with such recommendation as it considers appropriate.

(c)(1) For the purposes of this section, the special committee is authorized, in its discretion, (A) to make investigations into any matter within its jurisdiction, (B) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate, (C) to employ personnel, (D) to hold hearings, (E) to sit and act at any time or place during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate, (F) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents, (G) to take depositions and other testimony, (H) to procure

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1 The references in this paragraph were changed as a result of the adoption of S. Res. 274, 96–1, Nov. 14, 1979; and further changed as a result of the adoption of S. Res. 389, 96–2, Mar. 25, 1980.

the services of individual consultations or organizations thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, and (l) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(2) The chairman of the special committee or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.

(3) Subpoenas authorized by the special committee may be issued over the signature of the chairman, or any member of the special committee designated by the chairman, and may be served by any person designated by the chairman or the member signing the subpoena.

(d) All records and papers of the temporary Special Committee on Aging established by Senate Resolution 33, Eighty-seventh Congress, are transferred to the special committee.

(e) (Executed.)

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SEC. 105. (a)(1) There is established a temporary Select Committee on Indian Affairs (hereafter in this section referred to as the "select committee") which shall consist of seven members, four to be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, from among members of the majority party and three to be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, from among the members of the minority party. The select committee shall select a chairman from among its members.

(2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, except that the select committee may fix a lesser number as a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony. The select committee shall adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent with this section and the rules of the Senate governing standing committees of the Senate.

(3) Vacancies in the membership of the select committee shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to execute the functions of the select committee.

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1 Name changed from "Select Committee on Indian Affairs" by provision of S. Res. 71, 103–1, Feb. 24, 1993.
2 See paragraph 3(c) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules, Senate Manual section 25.3c, for current membership.