SEC. 17. The Secretary of the Senate shall, subject to the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, contract with the Secretary of Education to provide closed captioning of the Senate floor proceedings. The Senate authorizes the Secretary of Education to have access to the audio and video broadcast of the Senate floor proceedings for the purpose of captioning. Such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section are authorized to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate.

Resolved, That, notwithstanding any other provision of S. Res. 28, agreed to February 27, 1986, television coverage of the Senate shall resume July 21, 1986 under the same basis as provided during the live test period under section 5 of S. Res. 28 unless the Senate votes pursuant to section 15 of S. Res. 28 to end coverage.

SEC. 2. The Senate flag shall be available for purchase and use by Senators, or former Senators, only subject to the following conditions—

(1) purchase of the flag shall be limited to—

(A) two flags for each Senator, or former Senator, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear;

(B) two flags for each Senate committee, as determined by the chairman and ranking member, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(C) two flags for each officer of the Senate, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(2) the flag shall not be utilized or displayed for commercial purposes.

Senators who leave the Senate may retain their flags subject to the preceding restrictions.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to design an official Senate flag utilizing the seal of the Senate as the principal symbol on such flag. Expenses incident to the designing and procurement of such flag shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers signed by the Secretary of the Senate.
Resolved, That it is a standing order of the Senate that during yea and nay votes in the Senate, each Senator shall vote from the assigned desk of the Senator.

[S. Res. 480, 98–2, Oct. 11, 1984.]

Resolved, That (a) there is established, within the Office of the Secretary of the Senate (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”), the Office of Senate Security (hereinafter referred to as the “Office”), which shall be headed by a Director of Senate Security (hereinafter referred to as the “Director”). The Office shall be under the policy direction of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, and shall be under the administrative direction and supervision of the Secretary.

(b)(1) The Director shall be appointed by the Secretary after consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders. The Secretary shall fix the compensation of the Director. Any appointment under this subsection shall be made solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position and without regard to political affiliation.

(2) The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, and after consultation with the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, may establish such policies and procedures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution. Commencing one year from the effective date of this resolution, the Director shall submit an annual report to the Majority and Minority Leaders and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration on the status of security matters and the handling of classified information in the Senate, and the progress of the Office in achieving the mandates of this resolution.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary shall appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution. The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe the duties and responsibilities of such personnel. If a Director is not appointed, the Office shall be headed by an Acting Director. The Secretary shall appoint and fix the compensation of the Acting Director.

(b) The Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate may each designate a Majority staff assistant and a Minority staff assistant of the Office.