STANDING ORDERS OF THE SENATE

TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

79.33  Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General and such regulations as the Committee on Rules and Administration may prescribe, may consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, any claim for money damages against the United States for injury of loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, officer, or employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. The Committee on Rules and Administration may, from time to time, delegate any or all of its authority under this resolution to the chairman. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding $2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate on a voucher approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to issue such regulations as it may determine necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

[S. Res. 492, 97-2, Dec. 10, 1982.]

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

79.34  SEC. 4. The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, on behalf of the Senate, may accept a gift if the gift does not involve any duty, burden, or condition, or is not made dependent upon some future performance by the United States Senate. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out this section.


DESIGNATION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS DESK

79.35  Resolved, That during the One Hundred Fourth Congress and each Congress thereafter, the desk located within the Senate Chamber and used by Senator Jefferson Davis shall, at the request of the senior Senator from the State of Mississippi, be assigned to such Senator, for use in car-
rying out his or her senatorial duties during that Senator’s term of office.  
[S. Res. 161, 104–1, Aug. 8, 1995.]

79.36  ACCEPTANCE OF PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES BY A MEMBER OF THE SENATE

Resolved, That (a) notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate or Senate Resolution 508, adopted by the Senate on September 4, 1980, pro bono legal services provided to a Member of the Senate with respect to a civil action challenging the validity of a Federal statute that expressly authorizes a Member to file an action—
(1) shall not be deemed a gift to the Member;
(2) shall not be deemed to be a contribution to the office account of the Member; and
(3) shall not require the establishment of a legal expense trust fund.
(b) The Select Committee on Ethics shall establish regulations providing for the public disclosure of information relating to pro bono legal services performed as authorized by this resolution.

79.37  TO PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WITH ACCESS TO THE SENATE FLOOR TO BRING NECESSARY SUPPORTING AIDS AND SERVICES

Resolved, That an individual with a disability who has or is granted the privilege of the Senate floor under rule XXIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate may bring necessary supporting aids and services (including service dogs, wheelchairs, and interpreters) on the Senate floor, unless the Senate Sergeant at Arms determines that the use of such supporting aids and services would place a significant difficulty or expense on the operations of the Senate in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of the Rules for Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol.
[S. Res. 110, 105–1, July 31, 1997.]

79.38  SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

§ 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
(a) Establishment.—There is established a special committee of the Senate to be known as the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the “special committee”).
(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the special committee is—