

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.

[S. Res. 13, 101-1, June 21, 1989.]

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.

[S. Res. 444, 99-2, July 15, 1986.]

READING OF CONFERENCE REPORTS

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SEC. 903. Beginning on the first day of the 107th Congress, the Presiding Officer of the Senate shall apply all of the precedents of the Senate under Rule XXVIII in effect at the conclusion of the 103d Congress. Further that there is now in effect a Standing order of the Senate that the reading of conference reports is no longer required, if the said conference report is available in the Senate.

[Pub. L. 106-554, Div. A, ch. 9, §903, Dec. 21, 2000.]

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY

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Resolved, That for the purpose of obtaining and laying factual data and information before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, or any subcommittee thereof, for its consideration in the discharge of its functions, the chairman or acting chairman of said committee is hereby authorized and directed, within the limit of funds made available by resolutions of the Senate, to appoint and employ such experts as he may deem necessary to obtain such data and information, and such experts, upon the written authority of the chairman or acting chairman, shall have the right to examine the books, documents, papers, reports, or other records of any department, agency, or establishment of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; be it further

Resolved, That the said committee through its chairman is hereby authorized, within the limit of funds made avail-

able by resolutions of the Senate, to appoint additional clerical help and assistants.

[S. Res. 193, 78-1, Oct. 14, 1943; S. Res. 281, 96-2, Mar. 11, 1980.]

76 CONSULTANTS FOR THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Resolved, That within the limit of funds appropriated for expenses of inquiries and investigations for the Committee on Appropriations, the committee may expend such sums as it deems appropriate and necessary for the procurement of the services of individual consultants or organizations. Such services in the case of individuals or organizations may be procured by contract as independent contractors, or in the case of individuals by employment at daily rates of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of compensation which may be paid to a regular employee of the committee. Such contracts may be made in the same manner and subject to the same conditions with respect to advertising as required of other standing committees of the Senate under section 202(i)(2) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended.

[S. Res. 140, 94-1, May 14, 1975.]

77 SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Resolved, That (a) there is hereby established a permanent select committee of the Senate to be known as the Select Committee on Ethics (referred to hereinafter as the "Select Committee") consisting of six Members of the Senate, of whom three shall be selected from members of the majority party and three shall be selected from members of the minority party. Members thereof shall be appointed by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of rule XXIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate at the beginning of each Congress. The Select Committee shall select a chairman or a vice chairman from among its members. For purposes of paragraph 4¹ of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, service of a Senator as a member or chairman of the Select Committee shall not be taken into account.

(b) Vacancies in the membership of the Select Committee shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to execute the functions of the committee, and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments thereto are made.

¹ Changed from "paragraph 6" as a result of the adoption of S. Res. 274, 96-1, Nov. 14, 1979.