LOYALTY CHECKS ON SENATE EMPLOYEES

Resolved, That hereafter when any person is appointed as an employee of any committee of the Senate, of any Senator, or of any office of the Senate the committee, Senator, or officer having authority to make such appointment shall transmit the name of such person to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, together with a request that such committee, Senator, or officer be informed as to any derogatory and rebutting information in the possession of such agency concerning the loyalty and reliability for security purposes of such person, and in any case in which such derogatory information is revealed such committee, Senator, or officer shall make or cause to be made such further investigation as shall have been considered necessary to determine the loyalty and reliability for security purposes of such person.

Every such committee, Senator, and officer shall promptly transmit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation a list of the names of the incumbent employees of such committee, Senator, or officer together with a request that such committee, Senator, or officer be informed of any derogatory and rebutting information contained in the files of such agency concerning the loyalty and reliability for security purposes of such employee.

Every such committee, Senator, and officer shall promptly transmit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation a list of the names of the incumbent employees of such committee, Senator, or officer together with a request that such committee, Senator, or officer be informed of any derogatory and rebutting information contained in the files of such agency concerning the loyalty and reliability for security purposes of such employee.

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—

[This resolution has not been generally implemented since the Federal Bureau of Investigation took the position that it was not authorized to divulge the information referred to in the resolution. However, the Bureau and the Department of Defense cooperate with Senate committees and offices which request security checks of specific employees when it is considered necessary by a committee chairman or officer of the Senate.

See also rule XLII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.]
(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 mi-
nority 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.]

SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Whereas the continued vitality of our Republic depends,
in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political
processes and the functioning of our National Govern-
ment by the citizens of the United States; and
Whereas the durability of a constitutional democracy is
dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for
political leadership; and
Whereas individual Senators have cooperated with various
private and university undergraduate and graduate fel-
lowship and internship programs relating to the work
of Congress; and
Whereas, in the high schools of the United States, there
exists among students who have been elected to stu-
dent-body offices in their sophomore, junior, or senior
year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are
experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a
constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen
their interest in and understanding of their country’s
political processes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the Senate hereby expresses its willing-
ness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school
Senate youth program which would give several represent-
avative high school students from each State a short indoctrina-
tion into the operation of the United States Senate
and the Federal Government generally, if such a program
can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by
private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.
Sec. 2. The Senate Committee on Rules and Administra-
tion shall investigate the possibility of establishing such
a program and, if the committee determines such a pro-