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**JURISDICTION OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
UNITED STATES SENATE**

(Excerpted from Rules of the Committee)

RULE 1—JURISDICTION

(a) *Substantive.*—In accordance with Senate Rule XXV.1(j)(1), the jurisdiction of the Committee shall extend to all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Acquisition of land and buildings for embassies and legations in foreign countries.
2. Boundaries of the United States.
3. Diplomatic service.
4. Foreign economic, military, technical, and humanitarian assistance.
5. Foreign loans.
6. International activities of the American National Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross.
7. International aspects of nuclear energy, including nuclear transfer policy.
8. International conferences and congresses.
9. International law as it relates to foreign policy.
10. International Monetary Fund and other international organizations established primarily for international monetary purposes (except that, at the request of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, any proposed legislation relating to such subjects reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs).
11. Intervention abroad and declarations of war.
12. Measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and to safeguard American business interests abroad.
13. National security and international aspects of trusteeships of the United States.
14. Ocean and international environmental and scientific affairs as they relate to foreign policy.
15. Protection of United States citizens abroad and expatriation.
16. Relations of the United States with foreign nations generally.

17. Treaties and executive agreements, except reciprocal trade agreements.
18. United Nations and its affiliated organizations.
19. World Bank group, the regional development banks, and other international organizations established primarily for development assistance purposes.

The Committee is also mandated by Senate Rule XXV.1(j)(2) to study and review, on a comprehensive basis, matters relating to the national security policy, foreign policy, and international economic policy as it relates to foreign policy of the United States, and matters relating to food, hunger, and nutrition in foreign countries, and report thereon from time to time.

(b) *Oversight*.—The Committee also has a responsibility under Senate Rule XXVI.8, which provides that “. . . each standing Committee . . . shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee.”

(c) *“Advice and Consent” Clauses*.—The Committee has a special responsibility to assist the Senate in its constitutional function of providing “advice and consent” to all treaties entered into by the United States and all nominations to the principal executive branch positions in the field of foreign policy and diplomacy.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
MEMBERSHIP AND JURISDICTION  
OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**(Effective February 12, 1999)**

**(The chairman and ranking minority member of the full committee are ex officio members of each subcommittee on which they do not serve as members.)**

(Subcommittees are listed in the order of chairmen's seniority within the full committee.)

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE, PEACE CORPS, NARCOTICS  
AND TERRORISM**

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*Jurisdiction:*

The geographic scope of this subcommittee extends from the Arctic Ocean to Tierra del Fuego, including the Caribbean. Problems which are of concern to the subcommittee include relations between the American nations, U.S.-Canadian affairs, boundary matters, the implementation of various treaties and conventions, economic relations and security matters affecting the Western Hemisphere, and the Organization of American States.

This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export; crime; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

This subcommittee also exercises general oversight over:

- (1) all of the activities and programs of the Peace Corps;
- (2) all U.S. foreign policy, programs and international cooperative efforts to combat the flow of illegal drugs or substances; and
- (3) all U.S. foreign policy, programs and cooperative efforts to combat international terrorism.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND  
TRADE PROMOTION**

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PAUL S. SARBANES, *Ranking*  
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BARBARA BOXER

*Jurisdiction:*

The subcommittee's responsibilities encompass U.S. foreign economic policy, including export enhancement and trade promotion, and international economic growth and development. The subcommittee's jurisdiction includes measures that address:

- (1) the enhancement of American exports and promotion of U.S. trade opportunities and commercial interests abroad;
- (2) the promotion of and protection of economic interests of U.S. citizens abroad;
- (3) international investment, management, intellectual property, technological transfer and general commercial policies;
- (4) international monetary policy, including U.S. participation in international financial institutions; and
- (5) U.S. bilateral humanitarian, development, economic, trade and security assistance programs and policies carried out by the Agency for International Development and other U.S. agencies and U.S. voluntary contributions to international organizations providing assistance to foreign nations.

The subcommittee is also responsible for matters and policies involving the use, development and protection of the environment, including the oceans and space.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

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*Jurisdiction:*

The subcommittee deals with matters concerning the continent of Europe, including the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union and member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Matters relating to Greenland, Iceland, and the north polar region are also the responsibilities of this subcommittee.

This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export; terrorism, crime and the flow of illegal drugs; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS**

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CHUCK HAGEL  
GORDON H. SMITH

JOHN F. KERRY, *Ranking*  
RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD  
PAUL D. WELLSTONE  
ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

*Jurisdiction:*

The geographic scope of the subcommittee extends from China and Mongolia to Burma, inclusive of the mainland of Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, Oceania, and the South Pacific Islands.

This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export; terrorism, crime and the flow of illegal drugs; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

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JOHN F. KERRY  
RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD

### *Jurisdiction:*

The subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving international operations. This jurisdiction includes the general oversight responsibility for the Department of State, the United States Information Agency, the Foreign Service, international educational and cultural affairs, foreign broadcasting activities, foreign buildings, United States participation in the United Nations, its affiliated organizations, and other international organizations not under the jurisdiction of other subcommittees. The subcommittee also has jurisdiction over general matters of international law, law enforcement, and illegal activities.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS**

BILL FRIST, *Chairman*  
ROD GRAMS  
SAM BROWNBACK

RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, *Ranking*  
PAUL S. SARBANES

*Jurisdiction:*

The subcommittee has geographic responsibilities corresponding to those of the Bureau of African Affairs in the Department of State. The subcommittee considers all matters and problems relating to Africa, with the exception of countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea from Egypt to Morocco, which are under the purview of the Subcommittee on Near Eastern Affairs.

This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export; terrorism, crime and the flow of illegal drugs; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

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*Jurisdiction:*

This subcommittee deals with all matters and problems relating to the Middle East and Arab North Africa, including Arab-Israeli and inter-Arab issues, economic relations, and general security in the Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, the Middle East and North Africa. This subcommittee also deals with matters and problems relating to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export; terrorism, crime and the flow of illegal drugs; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

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