

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 208) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 208

*Resolved,*

**SECTION 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—

(1) to study the impact of the year 2000 technology problem on the Executive and Judicial Branches of the Federal Government, State governments, and private sector operations in the United States and abroad;

(2) to make such findings of fact as are warranted and appropriate; and

(3) to make such recommendations, including recommendations for new legislation and amendments to existing laws and any administrative or other actions, as the special committee may determine to be necessary or desirable.

No proposed legislation shall be referred to the special committee, and the committee shall not have power to report by bill, or otherwise have legislative jurisdiction.

(c) TREATMENT AS STANDING COMMITTEE.—For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 7(a)(1)–(2), and 10(a) of rule XXVI and rule XXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and section 202 (i) and (j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the special committee shall be treated as a standing committee of the Senate.

**SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

(a) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The special committee shall consist of 7 members of the Senate—

(A) 4 of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from the majority party of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader of the Senate; and

(B) 3 of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from the minority party of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate.

The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Appropriations Committee shall be appointed ex-officio members.

(2) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the membership of the special committee shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to execute the functions of the special committee and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments to it are made.

(3) SERVICE.—For the purpose of paragraph 4 of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, service of a Senator as a member, chairman, or vice chairman of the special committee shall not be taken into account.

(b) CHAIRMAN.—The chairman of the special committee shall be selected by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the vice chairman of the special committee shall be selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate. The vice chairman shall discharge such responsibilities as the special committee or the chairman may assign.

**SEC. 3. AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this resolution, the special committee is authorized, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel;

(3) to hold hearings;

(4) to sit and act at any time or place during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate;

(5) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents;

(6) to take depositions and other testimony;

(7) to procure the services of individual consultations or organizations thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946; and

(8) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a nonreimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) OATHS FOR WITNESSES.—The chairman of the special committee or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.

(c) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas authorized by the special committee may be issued over the signature of the chairman after consultation with the vice chairman, or any member of the special committee designated by the chairman after consultation with the vice chairman, and may be served by any person designated by the chairman or the member signing the subpoena.

(d) OTHER COMMITTEE STAFF.—The special committee may use, with the prior consent of the chairman of any other Senate committee or the chairman of any subcommittee of any committee of the Senate and on a nonreimbursable basis, the facilities or services of any members of the staff of such other Senate committee whenever the special committee or its chairman, following consultation with the vice chairman, considers that such action is necessary or appropriate to enable the special committee to make the investigation and study provided for in this resolution.

(e) USE OF OFFICE SPACE.—The staff of the special committee may be located in the personal office of a Member of the special committee.

**SEC. 4. REPORT AND TERMINATION.**

The special committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date.

**SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—From the date this resolution is agreed to through February 29, 2000, the expenses of the special committee incurred under this resolution shall not exceed \$575,000 for the period beginning on the date of adoption of this resolution through February 28, 1999, and \$575,000 for the period of March 1, 1999 through February 29, 2000, of which amount not to exceed \$200,000 shall be available for each period for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof, as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

(b) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—The retirement and health benefits of employees of the special committee shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

ate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3, and immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and that the Senate begin a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DEWINE for 1 hour, and Senator DASCHLE for 1 hour.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PROGRAM**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period for morning business from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. It is hoped that at 12 noon the Senate will be able to proceed to the consideration of Senate bill 414, the international shipping bill.

In addition, the Senate may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for Senate action. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes during tomorrow's session.

When the Senate reconvenes following the Easter holidays, the Senate will resume consideration of the Coverdell A+ Education Act. Also, as announced, the next rollcall votes will occur on that legislation on Tuesday, April 21, at a time to be announced by the majority leader.

Mr. FORD. Will the acting leader yield?

Ms. COLLINS. I am happy to yield.

Mr. FORD. We are attempting to get an answer on a question I have. I don't want to hold the Senate here any longer, but there is a possibility. Could we have a quorum call, if the Senator would like to leave, with a motion that when I get my answer we will go out, or something like that? I will be more than pleased to do that.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:54 p.m., adjourned until Friday, April 3, 1998, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 2, 1998:

**ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3,  
1998**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-