

RESOLUTION—Amending the rules of the Senate relating to open committee meetings

Resolved, That paragraph 7(b) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

“(b) Each meeting of a standing, select, or special committee of the Senate, or any subcommittee thereof, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a portion or portions of any such meetings may be closed to the public if the committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, determines by record vote of a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee present that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such portion or portions—

“(1) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

“(2) will relate solely to matters of committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

“(3) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

“(4) will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement; or

“(5) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if—

“(A) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

“(B) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person. Whenever any hearing conducted by any such committee or subcommittee is open to the public, that hearing may be broadcast by radio or television, or both, under such rules as the committee or subcommittee may adopt.”.

SEC. 2. Section 133A(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, section 242(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, and section 102 (d) and (e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are repealed.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy:

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), from the Committee on Armed Services, and

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), from the Committee on Armed Services, and

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), from the Committee on Armed Services, and

The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), from the Committee on Appropriations.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, March 2, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be approved

to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, the Senate will not be in session on Friday and will be in a pro forma session on Monday. The Senate will then reconvene on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and will begin consideration of S. 314, a bill providing small business loans regarding the year 2000 computer problems. There will be 1 hour for debate on the bill, equally divided between Senators BOND and KERRY of Massachusetts, with no amendments in order, to be followed by a vote on passage of the bill at 10:30 a.m.

Following that vote, the Senate will recess to allow Members to attend the confidential hearing regarding the Y2K issue in room S-407 of the Capitol.

The Senate will recess for the policy luncheons between the hours of 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. and, upon reconvening at 2:15, will begin consideration of S. Res. 7, a resolution to fund the special committee dealing with the Y2K issue. There will be 3 hours for debate on the resolution, with no amendments or motions in order. A vote will occur on adoption of the resolution upon the expiration or yielding back of time, or at approximately 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:12 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 1, 1999, at 10 a.m.