

the NSWG worked by consensus. No single Senator or political party could dominate the group's agenda or actions. Establishing a group with equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans was also intended to signify that the Senate believes the issues that come before this group are too important to be discussed in a partisan setting.

These were the objectives the Senate had in mind when it unanimously approved the legislation authorizing the formation of this important group. They remain the objectives today. Although the group worked together relatively well in the year since it was established, a number of us believe it could work a little bit better if we formally spelled out some simple rules of the road to govern the group's routine activities. Therefore, at the same time we re-authorize the NSWG, I would also like to insert for the record a series of administrative procedures that clearly spell out how the group should conduct its business. As put forward in these procedures, the group's administrative co-chairmen must recommend travel in writing to the Majority and Minority leaders and both leaders must approve the travel request in writing. They encourage member participation and indicate that staff travel should be the exception not the rule.

It is my understanding that these procedures have been agreed by both leaders and the majority and minority co-chairmen of the NSWG. I believe their adoption will help meet the objectives we all hold for this unique and important group.

I ask unanimous consent they be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE
SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

These administrative procedures govern the functioning of the Senate National Security Working Group (NSWG or Working Group) based on the authorizing legislation (S. Res. 75, as amended) agreed to March 25, 1999. They outline the agenda-setting process, travel procedures, routine functioning of the Working Group, and the procedures to ensure that complete records are kept in accordance with the proper use of government funds.

1. The staff should meet regularly (once a month during session), with recorded minutes. A central record of all Working Group papers should be maintained (with an access log) by the Office of Senate Security, with access to the records open to all Working Group Members and designated staff with appropriate clearances.

2. The Group's regular staff meetings should, if appropriate, include a briefing from the Administration on matters of concern to the Working Group.

3. These regular staff meetings should provide the forum for establishing a consensus recommendation to Members of agenda items for the Working Group and prospective briefings and/or trips to be arranged for the Working Group. Official notice of briefing to Members should be given no later than seven

days prior to the briefing. Official notice will be issued by the Majority Administrative Co-Chairman and the Minority Administrative Co-Chairman.

4. Any Member may propose foreign travel, but both Administrative Co-Chairmen must recommend travel in writing. Their letter should indicate the dates, locations, and a detailed purpose of the trip, and the trip must correspond to the mission of the Working Group. Pursuant to S. Res. 75 Sec. 2(d), written authorization of both the Majority and Minority Leaders is required. Members and Staff from both sides must be invited on all trips in sufficient time to be able to plan for attendance. Travel should be arranged and conducted as a bipartisan delegation in order to minimize administrative and Host confusion.

5. It is the intent of the Working Group that Members participate personally in the role of observer at negotiating sessions (noting that neither Members nor staff are direct participants in any negotiating sessions). Therefore, in keeping with past practice and precedent, staff-only trips are expected to be the exception, not the rule. If staff-only foreign travel is determined to be necessary because no Working Group Member is able to participate, the Member requesting the travel must provide detailed justification to the Working Group for such a request and the request should go through the foreign travel approval process outlined above.

(a) When the Working Group opts to send staff only, staff shall be limited to no more than three for the Majority and three for the Minority. Nothing in the foregoing is to be construed as limiting the number of designated Working Group staff that can travel on a Member-led official delegation. Also in keeping with past precedent, staff missions may be briefed by either the head of the negotiation delegation or by his designee.

(b) In the event either Leader is unable to participate in a NSWG authorized trip, that Leader may designate a Senator who is not a Working Group member to travel in his or her place.

6. Each trip must be followed by an unclassified Memorandum to the Members, and, if necessary, a classified annex thereto, that outlines the itinerary, briefers, and topics covered in briefings. The memorandum also must be provided for the official file in the Office of Senate Security.

7. Reimbursements to eligible Members for staff expenses require the signature of both Administrative Co-Chairmen and require notification of designated staff by letter to the Senate Financial Clerk and to both Administrative Co-Chairmen. Vouchers for designated Majority staff shall be administered by the Majority Administrative Co-Chairman or his designee; vouchers for designated Minority staff shall be administered by the Minority Administrative Co-Chairman or his designee. Records shall be maintained by each Administrative Co-Chairman.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 383) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 383

Resolved, That Senate Resolution 105 of the One Hundred First Congress, agreed to April 13, 1989, as amended by Senate Resolution 75 of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, agreed to March 25, 1999, is further amended by adding to the end the following new section:

"SEC. 4. The provisions of this resolution shall remain in effect until December 31, 2002."

ESTABLISHING THE LAS CIENEGAS
NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
IN ARIZONA

DESIGNATING CERTAIN NATIONAL
FOREST SYSTEM LANDS AS WIL-
DERNESS AREAS IN THE STATE
OF VIRGINIA

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed, en bloc, to the following bills: H.R. 2941, H.R. 4646.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2941) to establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona.

A bill (H.R. 4646) to designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read the third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The bills (H.R. 2941 and H.R. 4646) were read the third time and passed, en bloc.

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE TO CONVEY CER-
TAIN LAND IN NEVADA

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF
THE INTERIOR TO CONDUCT A
STUDY REGARDING AN UPPER
HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA IN CON-
NECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Energy Committee be discharged from the following bills and the Senate proceed, en bloc, to their consideration:

S. 2751 from the Energy Committee and H.R. 4312.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2751) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

A bill (H.R. 4312) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills.

AMENDMENT NO. 4350 TO S. 2751

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.