

(1) to provide appropriate facilities in the United States Capitol for hearings of committees of the Senate at which restricted data or other classified information is to be presented or discussed;

(2) to establish and operate a central repository in the United States Capitol for the safeguarding of classified information for which the Office is responsible; which shall include the classified records, transcripts, and materials of all closed sessions of the Senate; and

(3) to administer and maintain oaths of secrecy under paragraph (2) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate and to establish such procedures as may be necessary to implement the provisions of such paragraph.

SEC. 4. Funds appropriated for the fiscal year 1987 which would be available to carry out the purposes of the Interim Office of Senate Security<sup>1</sup> but for the termination of such Office shall be available for the Office of Senate Security.

SEC. 5. (a) All records, documents, data, materials, rooms, and facilities in the custody of the Interim Office of Senate Security at the time of its termination on July 10, 1987, are transferred to the Office established by subsection (a) of the first section of this resolution.

(b) This resolution shall take effect on July 11, 1987.

[S. Res. 243, 100-1, July 1, 1987.]

## DEBT COLLECTION

79.32

*Resolved*, That, for purposes of subchapters I and II of chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code (relating to claims of or against the United States Government), the United States Senate shall be considered to be a legislative agency (as defined in section 3701(a)(4) of such title), and the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed to be the head of such legislative agency.

SEC. 2. Regulations prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to section 3716 of title 31, United States Code, shall not become effective until they are approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

[S. Res. 147, 101-1, June 20, 1989.]

<sup>1</sup>S. Res. 229, 100-1, June 5, 1987, established an Interim Office of Senate Security to which all documents, facilities and functions of the Office of Classified National Security Information were transferred for the period June 6 to July 10, 1987. See Senate Manual section 276.

## TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

**79.33** *Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General and such regulations as the Committee on Rules and Administration may prescribe, may consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, any claim for money damages against the United States for injury of loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, officer, or employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. The Committee on Rules and Administration may, from time to time, delegate any or all of its authority under this resolution to the chairman. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding \$2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate on a voucher approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to issue such regulations as it may determine necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

[S. Res. 492, 97-2, Dec. 10, 1982.]

## ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

**79.34** SEC. 4. The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, on behalf of the Senate, may accept a gift if the gift does not involve any duty, burden, or condition, or is not made dependent upon some future performance by the United States Senate. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

[S. Res. 158, 104-1, July 28, 1995, effective Jan. 1, 1996.]

## DESIGNATION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS DESK

**79.35** *Resolved*, That during the One Hundred Fourth Congress and each Congress thereafter, the desk located within the Senate Chamber and used by Senator Jefferson Davis shall, at the request of the senior Senator from the State of Mississippi, be assigned to such Senator, for use in carry-