

to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

Agreed to August 12, 1992.

Sept. 29, 1992
[S. Con. Res. 112]

“A MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE FOR
THE USE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED
STATES” BOOK—SENATE PRINT

Whereas parliamentary bodies require written rules of order for their proceedings to be conducted fairly and efficiently;

Whereas the Senate’s first code of rules provided that “every question of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, without debate”;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson, serving as the Senate’s second president from 1797 to 1801, prepared for his own guidance a manual of legislative practice that included, under 53 topical headings, precedents from major authorities on parliamentary conduct;

Whereas “Jefferson’s Manual” set the framework for the evolution of the Senate’s rules and procedures, served to inspire respect for parliamentary law in the new Nation, and stands as one of Jefferson’s most enduring intellectual ventures;

Whereas “Jefferson’s Manual” was first printed for the use of the Senate in 1801 and was subsequently published by the Senate on a regular basis from 1828 to 1975;

Whereas the House of Representatives in 1837 provided by rule, which still exists, that the provisions of “Jefferson’s Manual” should “govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House”; and

Whereas April 13, 1993, marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and it is fitting on this occasion to honor Jefferson and the continued development of parliamentary law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there shall be printed as a Senate document, the book entitled “A Manual of Parliamentary Practice for the Use of the Senate of the United States” by Thomas Jefferson (with the editorial assistance of the Senate Historical Office under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate).

SEC. 2. Such document shall include illustrations, and shall be in such style, form, manner, and binding as directed by the Joint Committee on Printing after consultation with the Secretary of the Senate.

SEC. 3. In addition to the usual number of copies, there shall be printed with suitable binding 10,000 copies for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives, to be allocated as determined jointly by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Agreed to September 29, 1992.