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To establish a special committee of the Senate to address the year 2000 technology problem.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a special
4 committee of the Senate to be known as the Special Com-
5 mittee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem (hereafter
6 in this resolution referred to as the “special committee”).

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the special committee
8 is—

9 (1) to study the impact of the year 2000 tech-
10 nology problem on the Executive and Judicial

1 Branches of the Federal Government, State govern-
2 ments, and private sector operations in the United
3 States and abroad;

4 (2) to make such findings of fact as are war-
5 ranted and appropriate; and

6 (3) to make such recommendations, including
7 recommendations for new legislation and amend-
8 ments to existing laws and any administrative or
9 other actions, as the special committee may deter-
10 mine to be necessary or desirable.

11 No proposed legislation shall be referred to the special
12 committee, and the committee shall not have power to re-
13 port by bill, or otherwise have legislative jurisdiction.

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

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

22 (a) MEMBERSHIP.—

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

1 (A) 4 of whom shall be appointed by the
2 President pro tempore of the Senate from the
3 majority party of the Senate upon the rec-
4 ommendation of the Majority Leader of the
5 Senate; and

6 (B) 3 of whom shall be appointed by the
7 President pro tempore of the Senate from the
8 minority party of the Senate upon the rec-
9 ommendation of the Minority Leader of the
10 Senate.

11 The chairman and ranking minority member of the
12 Appropriations Committee shall be appointed ex-offi-
13 cio members.

14 (2) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the membership
15 of the special committee shall not affect the author-
16 ity of the remaining members to execute the func-
17 tions of the special committee and shall be filled in
18 the same manner as original appointments to it are
19 made.

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

1 (b) CHAIRMAN.—The chairman of the special com-
 2 mittee shall be selected by the Majority Leader of the Sen-
 3 ate and the vice chairman of the special committee shall
 4 be selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate. The vice
 5 chairman shall discharge such responsibilities as the spe-
 6 cial committee or the chairman may assign.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this resolu-
 9 tion, the special committee is authorized, in its discre-
 10 tion—

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

13 (2) to employ personnel;

14 (3) to hold hearings;

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

18 (5) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the at-
 19 tendance of witnesses and the production of cor-
 20 respondence, books, papers, and documents;

21 (6) to take depositions and other testimony;

22 (7) to procure the services of individual con-
 23 sultations or organizations thereof, in accordance
 24 with the provisions of section 202(i) of the Legisla-
 25 tive Reorganization Act of 1946; and

1 (8) with the prior consent of the Government
2 department or agency concerned and the Committee
3 on Rules and Administration, to use on a non-
4 reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any
5 such department or agency.

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

9 (c) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas authorized by the spe-
10 cial committee may be issued over the signature of the
11 chairman after consultation with the vice chairman, or any
12 member of the special committee designated by the chair-
13 man after consultation with the vice chairman, and may
14 be served by any person designated by the chairman or
15 the member signing the subpoena.

16 (d) OTHER COMMITTEE STAFF.—The special com-
17 mittee may use, with the prior consent of the chairman
18 of any other Senate committee or the chairman of any
19 subcommittee of any committee of the Senate and on a
20 nonreimbursable basis, the facilities or services of any
21 members of the staff of such other Senate committee
22 whenever the special committee or its chairman, following
23 consultation with the vice chairman, considers that such
24 action is necessary or appropriate to enable the special

1 committee to make the investigation and study provided
2 for in this resolution.

3 (e) USE OF OFFICE SPACE.—The staff of the special
4 committee may be located in the personal office of a Mem-
5 ber of the special committee.

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

7 The special committee shall report its findings, to-
8 gether with such recommendations as it deems advisable,
9 to the Senate at the earliest practicable date.

10 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the date this resolution is
12 agreed to through February 29, 2000, the expenses of the
13 special committee incurred under this resolution shall not
14 exceed \$575,000 for the period beginning on the date of
15 adoption of this resolution through February 28, 1999,
16 and \$575,000 for the period of March 1, 1999 through
17 February 29, 2000, of which amount not to exceed
18 \$200,000 shall be available for each period for the pro-
19 curement of the services of individual consultants, or orga-
20 nizations thereof, as authorized by section 202(i) of the
21 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

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

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