by report or resolution, including recommendations for criminal or civil enforcement, which the special committee may consider appropriate with respect to—
(A) the willful failure or refusal of any person to appear before it, or at a deposition, or to answer interrogatories, in compliance with any subpoena or order;
(B) the willful failure or refusal of any person to answer questions or give testimony during the appearance of that person as a witness before the special committee, or at a deposition, or in response to interrogatories; or
(C) the willful failure or refusal of—
(i) an officer or employee of the United States Government;
(ii) any person or entity purporting to act under color or authority of State or local law; or
(iii) any private person, partnership, firm, corporation, or organization;
to produce before the special committee, or at a deposition, or at any time or place designated by the committee, any book, check, canceled check, correspondence, communication, document, financial record, electronic record, paper, physical evidence, photograph, record, or any other material in compliance with any subpoena or order.

(11) Consultants.—To procure the temporary or intermittent services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof.

(12) OTHER GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.—To use, or cause to be reimbursed by the special committee, the services of the personnel of such department or agency.

(13) OTHER CONGRESSIONAL STAFF.—To use, with the prior consent of any member of the Senate or the chairman or the ranking member of any other Senate committee or the chairperson or the ranking member of any committee of the Senate, the facilities or services of the appropriate members of the staff of such member of the Senate or other Senate committee or subcommittee, whenever the special committee or the chairman or the ranking member considers that such action is necessary or appropriate to enable the special committee to conduct the investigation, study, and hearings authorized by this resolution.

(14) INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE.—To permit any members of the special committee, staff director, counsel, or other staff members or consultants designated by the chairman or the ranking member, access to any data, evidence, information, report, analysis, document, or paper that relates to any of the matters or questions that the special committee is authorized to investigate or study under this resolution;

(15) REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF LAW.—To report promptly to any duly constituted law enforcement authority or other appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

(16) EXPENDITURES.—To expend, to the extent that the special committee determines necessary and appropriate, any money made available to the special committee by the Senate to carry out this resolution.

SEC. 5. SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A sum equal to not more than $500,000 for the period beginning on the date of adoption of this resolution and ending on September 15, 2006, shall be made available from the contingent fund of the Senate out of the Account for Expenses for Inquiries and Investigations for payment of salaries and expenses of a special committee authorized under this resolution, which shall include not more than $1 for the procurement of the services of individual consultants or organizations thereof, in accordance with section 4(11).

(b) VOUCHER REQUIREMENT.—Payment of expenses shall be disbursed upon vouchers approved by the chairman, except that the vouchers shall not be required for the disbursement of salaries paid at an annual rate.

SEC. 6. REPORTS; TERMINATION.

(a) COMPLETION OF DUTIES.—

(1) COMPLETION.—The special committee shall make every reasonable effort to complete the investigation, study, and hearings authorized by this resolution.

(2) INTERIM REPORTS.—The special committee shall also submit to the Senate such interim reports as the special committee considers appropriate.

(3) RECORDS.—All records of the special committee shall be transferred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on termination of the special committee.

(b) TERMINATION.—After submission of its final report, the special committee shall conclude its business and close out its affairs within 90 days.

SEC. 7. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND RULE XV.

The jurisdiction of the special committee is granted pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to jurisdiction of the standing committees of the Senate.

SEC. 8. COORDINATION WITH HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

The chairman of the special committee, in conducting the investigation and study described in section 1, shall consult with the chairman of the House Select Committee Investigating the Circumstances Surrounding Hurricane Katrina, conducting the parallel investigation and study regarding meeting jointly to receive testimony, the scheduling of hearings or issuance of summons, and joint staff interviews of key witnesses.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005.

The Hon. William Frist, Chairman, Senate Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR BILL: Thank you for providing me with your proposal to have the Senate establish a select committee to review this nation’s preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. Like you, I believe it is vitally important that we learn why our government failed those in their government failed them that awful day. And the commission’s findings were strongly supported and compelling reason why we should not. At the same time, I will also continue to support the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee’s efforts to investigate Katrina. Chairman Collins and Ranking Member Lieberman have worked well together in a bipartisan manner in the past and I am confident they will continue to do so in the future.

I remain hopeful that you will eventually agree to work with me to establish a truly independent commission to provide the American people and leaders of both parties because they understood that, unlike any congressional body, the commission was uniquely capable of asking tough questions of both the Administration and the Congress. Senator Clinton has proposed that we follow this proven model in the case of Katrina and that we find out why our government failed them and what steps can be taken to ensure it never happens again.

The survivors of this tragedy and the American people deserve no less.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid,
U.S. Senate.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate completes its business today it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 19. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time be made up, the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with the time equally divided until 3 p.m.

I further ask consent that at 3 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2744, the Agriculture appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the précédent.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:39 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 19, 2005, at 2 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 15, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL R. ARRETTI, OF CONNECTICUT, A CARRIER MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE ANAMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT


DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EDWIN G. FOULKE, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, AND AS AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO THE REPUBLIC OF NEW ZEALAND, TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN W. JONES, AND TO SERVE AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 631:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ARE APPOINTED TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 633 (B) AND 633 (A):

To be colonel

WILLIAM E. WATSON, 0000

TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 1221.

To be lieutenant colonel

BRYAND E. GLASSER, 0000

TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 1223.

To be captain

WILLIAM E. WATSON, 0000

TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 1221.

To be major

BRYAND E. GLASSER, 0000

TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 1223.