SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the Committee on Finance has adopted rules governing its procedures for the 118th Congress. Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the above rules for the Committee on Finance be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

1. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1. Regular Meeting Days.—The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be omitted.

Rule 2. Committee Meetings.—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to special meetings called by a majority of the committee), each regular meeting, committee meetings, for the conduct of business, for the purpose of holding hearings, or for any other purpose, shall be called by the chairman in consultation with the ranking minority member. Members will be notified of committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance, unless the chairman determines that an emergency situation requires a meeting on shorter notice. The notification will include a written agenda together with materials prepared by the staff relating to that meeting. The agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no nongermane items may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.

(b) In the absence of the chairman, meetings of the committee may be called by the ranking majority member of the committee who is present, provided authority to call meetings has been delegated to such member by the chairman.

Rule 3. Presiding Officer.—(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the committee except that in his absence the ranking minority member who is present at the meeting shall preside.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) any member of the committee may preside in the absence of the chairman or of the ranking minority member of the committee.

Rule 4. Quorums.—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) one-thirds of the membership of the committee, including not less than one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a), one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Rule 5. Reporting of Measures or Recommendations.—No measure or recommendation shall be reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present and a majority of those present concur.

Rule 6. Proxy Voting; Polling.—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 7(a)(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitation on use of proxy voting to report a measure or matter), members who are unable to be present and whose vote may have their record by proxy may have their vote recorded by proxy.

(b) At the discretion of the committee, members who are unable to be present and whose vote may have their record by proxy may be polled for the purpose of recording their vote on any rollcall taken by the committee.

Rule 7. Order of Motions.—When several motions are before the committee dealing with related or overlapping matters, the chairman may specify the order in which the motions shall be considered.

Rule 8. Bringing a Matter to a Vote.—If the chairman determines that a motion or amendment has been adequately debated, he may bring the matter before the committee for a vote, and the vote shall then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate on such motion or amendment, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be taken without debate.

Rule 9. Public Disclosure of Committee Votes.—Pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public announcement of votes), the results of rollcall votes taken by the committee on any measure (or amendment thereto) or matter shall be announced publicly not later than the day on which such measure or matter is ordered reported from the committee.

Rule 10. Subpoenas.—Witnesses and memoranda, documents, and records may be subpoenaed in the course of a committee investigation with the agreement of the ranking minority member or by a majority of the committee. Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses may be served on the witness, on memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued by the chairman, or by any other member of the committee designated by him.

Rule 11. Nongermane Items. —(a) When considering a nomination, the committee may conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, and suitability, to the extent that such information has been requested. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including all biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the committee may request. The committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis. Witnesses called to testify on the nomination may be required to testify under oath.

(b) When conducting the committee, shall conduct themselves with the standards of dignity, decorum, and propriety traditionally observed by the Senate.

(c) Equipment necessary for coverage by television and radio media shall not be installed, or removed, from the hearing room by the media in order to raise the ambient lighting level to the lowest level necessary to provide acceptable television coverage of the hearing at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(d) The additional lighting authorized by subsection (d) of this rule shall not be directed into the eyes of any members of the committee or of any witness, or at the request of any such member or witness, offending lighting shall be extinguished.

Rule 12. Open Committee Hearings.—To the extent required by paragraph 5 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitations on open hearings), each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public.

Rule 13. Announcement of Hearings.—The committee shall undertake consistent with the provisions of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public notice of committee hearings) to issue public announcements of hearings it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearings.

Rule 14. Witnesses at Hearings.—(a) Each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing or subcommittee hearing shall be served in writing with notice of the hearing to which he is scheduled to testify not later than the day on which such adjournment or a long recess is immediately scheduled to occur. Such written notice shall be in addition to any notice to that witness designated by a member or witness, or distraction or otherwise disrupting the orderly proceeding of the hearing shall be expelled from the hearing.

(b) Any member of the committee may at any time by majority vote of those members present request the chairman to discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

(c) The chairman and ranking minority members shall serve no notice or office members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members.

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(g) Subcommittee meeting times shall be coordinated by the staff director to ensure that—
(1) no subcommittee meeting will be held when the committee is in executive session, except by unanimous consent;
(2) no more than one subcommittee will meet in the full committee is holding hearings; and
(3) not more than two subcommittees will meet at the same time.

Note: Paragraphs (2) and (3) may be added, deleted, or amended by a majority vote of the Senate, or members of the committee together with their staffs, at any time. Not later than twenty business days after the meeting occurs, the committee shall make public available through the Internet—
(a) a video recording;
(b) an audio recording; or
(c) after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their records, a transcript, a corrected transcript, or an accurately reflect statements, a corrected transcript.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the record of an executive session of the committee that is closed to the public pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record shall not be published or made public in any way except by majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their records for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

Rule 19. Amendment of Rules.—The foregoing may be added to, modified, amended, or suspended at any time.

II. EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE RELATING TO STANDING COMMITTEES

RULE XXVI

Standing Committees

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until the successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:
   (1) Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:
      2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
      3. Deposit of public moneys.
      5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
      7. Reciprocal trade agreements.

2. Each committee shall adopt rules (not inconsistent with the Rules of the Senate) governing the procedure of such committee. The rules of each committee shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than March 1 of each Congress, except that if any such committee is established on or after February 1 of a year, the rules of that committee during the year in which such committee is established shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than sixty days after such establishment. Any amendment to the rules of a committee shall not take effect until the amendment is published in the Congressional Record.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules, when the Senate is in session, any committee of the Senate or any subcommittee thereof may meet, without special leave, after the conclusion of the first two hours after the meeting of the Senate if the budget resolution or other bill or joint resolution that is the subject of the subcommittee meeting has obtained from the majority leader and the minority leader (or in the event of the absence of either leader, from the designee of either leader) the written consent of the majority leader and his designee to hold a meeting or meetings. The prohibition contained in the preceding sentence shall not apply to the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on the Budget. The majority leader or his designee shall announce to the Senate whenever consent has been given under this subsection the time and place of such meeting. The right to make such announcement of consent shall have the same priority as the filing of a cloture motion.

4. Each meeting of a committee, or any subcommittee thereof, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings by a committee or a subcommittee thereof on the same subject for a period of no more than fourteen calendar days may be closed to the public on a motion made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss only whether the matters enumerated in clauses (1) through (6) would require the meeting to be closed, followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee when it is determined that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such meeting or meetings

1. will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;
2. will relate solely to matters of committee staff preparation or internal staff management or procedure;
3. will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the reputation of an individual, or otherwise expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;
4. will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigations of the committee or of the House of Representatives that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement;
5. will disclose any information pertaining to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if—
   (A) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or
   (B) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and it is necessary to keep such secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or
   (C) it is necessary to keep such information confidential under other provisions of law or Government regulations.

5. Whenever any hearing conducted by any committee or any subcommittee thereof is open to the public, that hearing may be broadcast by radio or television, or both, under such rules as the committee or subcommittee may adopt.

6. Whenever disorder arises during a committee meeting that is open to the public, or any demonstration of approval or disapproval is induced or any person in attendance at any such meeting, it shall be the duty of the Chair to order on his own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator. When the Chair finds it necessary to maintain order, he shall have the power to clear the room, and the committee may act in closed session for so long as there is doubt of the assurance of order.

7. Each committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceeding of each meeting or conference whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed. Any such committee or subcommittee may adopt rules with the consent of a majority of its members vote to forgo such a record.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. Reed. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the following to be printed in the Record.

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

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES RULES OF PROCEDURE, 118th CONGRESS

1. Regular Meeting Day.—The Committee shall meet at least once each month when Congress is in session. The regular meeting days of the Committee shall be Tuesday and Thursday, unless the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, directs otherwise.

2. Additional Meetings.—The Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may call such additional meetings as he deems necessary.

3. Special Meetings.—Special meetings of the Committee may be called by a majority of the members of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

4. Open Meetings—Each meeting of the Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings may be closed to the public on a motion made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss only whether the matters enumerated below in clauses (a) through (t) would require the meeting to be closed, followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the members of the Committee or subcommittee on the same subject for a period of no more than fourteen (14) calendar days. Any such meeting or series of meetings shall be closed, followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the members of the Committee or subcommittee when it is determined that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such meeting or meetings

(a) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;