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9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.

10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.

11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

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6. (a) The chairman will attempt to schedule reasonably frequent meetings of the full committee to permit consideration of legislation reported favorably to the committee to permit consideration of legislation.
(b) will relate solely to matters of Committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;
(c) will tend to charge an individual with a crime, or to disgrace or to injury the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy or will represent a clearly contrived attempt to violate the privacy of an individual;
(d) will disclose the identity of any former or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interest of national security;
(e) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if—
(1) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or
(2) 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 grant required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or
(f) may divulge matters required to be kept confidential under provisions of law or Government regulations.

5. Presiding Officer—The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the Committee. In his absence, the Ranking Majority Member present at the meeting or hearing shall preside unless by majority vote the Committee provides otherwise.

6. Quorum—(a) A majority of the members of the Committee are required to be actually present for a quorum to be constituted.
(b) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (c), and other than for the conduct of hearings, nine members of the Committee, including one member of the minority party; or a majority of the members of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business as may be considered by the Committee.
(c) Three members of the Committee, one of whom must be a member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking sworn testimony, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the full Committee.
(d) No measure or matter or recommendation shall be reported by the Committee in the absence of the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Committee who are present.
(e) Proxy votes may not be considered for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

7. Proxy Voting—Proxy voting shall be allowed on all measures and matters before the Committee. The vote by proxy of any member of the Committee may be counted for the purpose of reporting any measure or matter to the Senate if the absent member casting such vote has been informed of the matter on which the member is being recorded and has affirmatively requested that he or she be so recorded. Proxy must be given in writing. In order to report out a nomination, measure or treaty, the “yes” votes must come from those physically present in the room only and must outnumber the “no” votes—whether the no votes are cast by members present in the room, voting by proxy, or otherwise.

8. Announcement of Votes—The results of all roll call votes taken in any meeting of the Committee on any measure, or amendment thereto, shall be announced by the Committee report, unless previously announced by the Committee. The announce-