SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1.—Subject to the provisions of rule XXVI, paragraph 5, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a hearing or meeting of the Senate, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m., in room SD-330, Dirksen Senate Office Building. The chair may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as the chair deems necessary.

Rule 2.—The chair of the committee or of a subcommittee thereof shall preside at meetings of the committee or subcommittee.

Rule 3.—Meetings of the committee or a subcommittee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public except as otherwise specifically provided in subsections (b) and (d) of rule XXVI, paragraph 5, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Rule 4.—(a) Subject to paragraph (b), one-third of the membership of the committee, actually present, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Any member of the committee who is a member of the minority of the committee, may request changes in the transcript to correct errors of transcription and grammatical errors. The witness may also bring to the attention of the Committee errors of fact in the witness’s testimony by submitting a sworn statement about those facts with a request that it be attached to the transcript. The Chair or a member of the Committee staff designated by the Chair shall rule on such requests.

RULE VI—BROADCASTING OF HEARINGS

Public hearings of the full Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be televised or broadcast as authorized by the Chair and the ranking minority member of the full Committee.

RULE VII—SUBCOMMITTEES

1. HEARINGS.—Any member of the Committee may sit with any subcommittee during its hearings.

2. CHANGE OF CHAIR.—Subcommittees shall be considered de novo whenever there is a change of chair. Changes in the membership on the particular subcommittee shall not necessarily apply.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 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 a copy of the committee rules be printed in the RECORD.

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

Standing Rules of the Senate, unless a majority of said members vote to forgo such a record. Such records shall contain the vote cast by each member of the committee or subcommittee on any question on which a "aye" and "nay" vote is demanded, and shall be available for inspection by any committee member. The clerk of the committee, or the designee, has the responsibility to make appropriate arrangements to implement this rule.

Rule 8.—The committee and each subcommittee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of rule XXVI, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to issue public announcement of any hearing or executive session it intends to hold one week prior to the commencement of such hearing or executive session. In the case of an executive session, the text of any bill or joint resolution to be considered must be provided to the chair for prompt electronic distribution to the members of the committee.

Rule 9.—The committee or a subcommittee shall require all witnesses heard before it to file written testimony at least 48 hours before any hearing, unless the ranking minority member determines that there is good cause for failure to do so, and to limit their oral presentation to brief summaries of these written statements. The testimony may be filed electronically. The presiding officer at any hearing is authorized to limit the time of each witness appearing before the committee or a subcommittee or a subcommittee shall, as far as practicable, utilize testimony previously taken on bills and measures similar to those before it for consideration.

Rule 10.—Should a subcommittee fail to report back to the full committee on any measure within a reasonable time, the chair may share a copy of the measure with the committee and report that fact to the full committee for further disposition.

Rule 11.—Subject to the provisions of section 133(c) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, the Committee on the Budget SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS RULES OF PROCEDURE

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shall consist of a detailed summary of the underlying statute and the proposed changes in each section of the underlying law and either a print of the statute or the part or section to which the text is added or replaced showing by strikethrough-type, the part or parts to be omitted and, in italics, the matter proposed to be added, along with a summary of the changes, or a side-by-side document showing a comparison of current law, the proposed legislative changes, and a detailed description of the proposed changes. 

Rule 16.—An appropriate opportunity shall be given the minority to examine the proposed text of the committee report prior to filing or publication. Unless the chair and ranking minority member agree on a shorter period of time, the minority shall have no fewer than three business days to prepare supplemental, minority, or additional views for inclusion in a committee report from the time the majority makes the proposed text of the committee report available to the minority.

Rule 17.—(a) The committee, or any subcommittee, may issue subpoenas, or hold hearings, on its own initiative or on the request of any member, the chair of the committee or subcommittee shall call an executive session. The chair shall promptly as possible to each member of the committee a copy of a summary of the provisions thereof to be amended or replaced showing by strikethrough-type any such text prior to filing or publication. Unless the chair and ranking minority member agree on a shorter period of time, the minority shall have no fewer than three business days to prepare supplemental, minority, or additional views for inclusion in a committee report from the time the majority makes the proposed text of the committee report available to the minority.

(b) The committee may, by a majority vote, delegate the authority to issue subpoenas to the chair of the committee or a subcommittee, or to any member designated by such chair. Prior to the issuance of each subpoena, the ranking minority member of the committee or subcommittee, a single member may or a subpoenaed witnesses or take sworn testimony.

(c) The committee or a subcommittee may hold hearings or meetings to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be required of nominees for less than full-time appointments to councils, commissions, or boards, or be required of any nominee when the committee determines that some or all of the information is not relevant to the nature of the position. Information relating to background and financial interests (parts I and II) shall not be required of nominees for less than full-time appointments to councils, commissions, or boards, or be required of any nominee when the committee determines that it is not relevant to the nature of the position.

Rule 18.—When the ratio of members on the committee is even, the term "majority" as used in the committee’s rules and guidelines shall referred to the chairman for purposes of party identification. Numerical requirements for quorums, votes, and the like shall be unaffected.

Rule 21.—First-degree amendments must be filed with the chair at least 24 hours before an executive session. The chair shall promptly distribute all amendments electronically to the members of the committee. The chair may modify the filing requirements to meet special circumstances with the concurrence of the ranking minority member.

Rule 22.—In addition to the foregoing, the proceedings of the committee shall be governed by the Standing Rules of the Senate and the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended.

GUIDELINES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS WITH RESPECT TO HEARINGS, MARKUP SESSIONS, AND RELATED MATTERS

HEARINGS

Section 133A(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act requires each committee of the Senate to publicly announce the date, place, and time of each hearing at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearing.

The spirit of this requirement is to assure adequate notice to the public and other members of the Senate as to the time and subject matter of proposed hearings. In the spirit of section 133A(a) and in order to assure that members of the committee are themselves fully informed and involved in the development of hearings:

1. Public notice of the date, place, and subject of each hearing of each committee or subcommittee hearing should be inserted in the Congressional Record seven days prior to the commencement of such hearing.

2. At least seven days prior to public notice of each committee or subcommittee hearing, the majority should provide notice to the minority of the date, time, and place, and specific subject matter of such hearing.

3. At least three days prior to the date of such hearing, the committee or subcommittee should provide to each member a list of witnesses who have been or are proposed to be invited to appear.

4. The committee and its subcommittee should ensure that the maximum feasible extent, enforce the provisions of rule 9 of the committee rules as it relates to the submission of written testimony of witnesses 48 hours in advance of a hearing. Witnesses will be urged to submit written testimony even earlier whenever possible. When written testimony is received in advance of a hearing, the committee or subcommittee (as appropriate) should provide copies of such testimony to each of its members. Written testimony may be submitted and distributed electronically.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARKING UP BILLS

In order to expedite the process of marking up bills and to assist each member of the committee so that there may be full and fair consideration of each bill, the committee or subcommittee of the Senate or a subcommittee of the Senate engaged in or about to engage in executive sessions for the purpose of marking up bills the committee or subcommittee (as appropriate) should provide written notice to each of its members as to the time, place, and specific subject matter of such session, including an agenda listing each bill or other matters to be considered, and:

(a) a copy of each bill, joint resolution, or other legislative matter (or committee print thereof) to be considered at such executive session; and

(b) a copy of a summary of the provisions of each bill, joint resolution, or other legislative matter to be considered at such executive session including, whenever possible, an explanation of changes to existing law proposed to be made.

2. Insofar as practical, prior to the scheduled date for an executive session for the purpose of marking up bills, the committee or a subcommittee (as appropriate) should provide each member with a copy of the printed record or a summary of any hearings conducted by the committee or a subcommittee with respect to each bill, joint resolution, or other legislative matter to be considered at such executive session.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print the following rules to be adopted by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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