public or executive hearing before the Committee or Subcommittee unless such reimbursement is agreed to by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee.

[9] Limited time—Questioning of a witness by members shall be limited to 5 minutes duration. Members may be permitted further questions of the witness after all members have given an opportunity to question the witness.

Additional opportunity to question a witness shall be limited to a duration of 5 minutes until all members have been given the opportunity to question the witness for a second time. This 5-minute period per member will be continuous until all members have exhausted their questions of the witness.

After a witness has completed his or her testimony before the Committee or Subcommittee, the witness shall be permitted to submit questions in writing to the Clerk for the record, which shall be due to the Clerk by a date determined by the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Member, but such due date shall be no later than 7 calendar days after the witness’s appearance before the Committee or Subcommittee. Any such witness shall not be required to answer any such written question for the record no later than 45 calendar days after the witness’s date of appearance before the Committee or Subcommittee, as determined by the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Member, determine the time periods for the submission of member questions as well as the receipt of responses from nominees.

RUL e 5—VOTING

[a] Vote to report a measure or matter.—No measure or matter shall be reported from the Committee unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. The vote of the Committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Committee who are present.

Any absent member may affirmatively request that his or her vote be recorded as present or absent.

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[b] Vote on matters other than to report a measure or matter. On Committee matters other than a vote to report a measure or matter, no record vote shall be taken unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. On any such other matter, a member of the Committee may request that his or her vote be cast by proxy. The proxy shall be sufficiently clear to identify the subject matter, and to inform the Committee as to how the member wishes his vote to be recorded therein. By written notice to the Chairman any time before the record vote on the measure or matter concerned is taken, any member may withdraw a proxy previously given. All proxies shall be kept in the files of the Committee, along with the record of the rollcall vote of the members present and voting, as an official record of the vote on the measure or matter.

[c] Vote on nominations.—Nominations for Senate confirmation shall require a majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. By written notice to the Chairman any time before the vote on the nomination is taken, any member may withdraw a nomination previously made. Any nominations withdrawn by written notice to the Chairman any time before the vote on the nomination is taken, any member may withdraw a nomination previously made. All nominations withdrawn by written notice to the Chairman shall be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States.

RUL e 6—QUORUM

No executive session of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be called to order unless a majority of the Committee or Subcommittee, as the case may be, are actually present. A Committee present and voting is hereby provided or is required by the Rules of the Senate, one member shall constitute a quorum for the receipt of evidence, the swearing in of witnesses, and the taking of testimony.

RUL e 7.—STAFF PRESENT ON DAIS

Only members and the Clerk of the Committee shall be permitted on the dais during public or executive hearings, except that a member may have one staff person accompany him or her during such public or executive hearing on the dais. If a member desires a second staff person to accompany him or her on the dais he or she must make a request to the Chairman for that purpose.

RUL e 8.—COINAGE LEGISLATION

At least 67 Senators must cosponsor any gold medal or commemorative coin bill or resolution before consideration by the Committee.

Extracts From the Standing Rules of the Senate

RUL e XXV.—SUBCOMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed. Each committee shall be empowered to refer all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Banks, banking, and financial institutions.
2. Control of prices of commodities, rents, and services.
3. Deposit insurance.
4. Economic stabilization and defense production.
5. Export and foreign trade promotion.
6. Export controls.
7. Federal monetary policy, including Federal Reserve System.
8. Financial aid to commerce and industry.
9. Issuance and redemption of notes.
10. Money and credit, including currency and coinage.
11. Nursing home construction.
12. Public and private housing (including veterans’ housing).
14. Urban development and urban mass transit.

2. Such committee shall also study and review, on a comprehensive basis, matters relating to economic policy as it affects United States monetary affairs, credit, and financial institutions; economic growth, urban affairs, and credit, and report thereon from time to time.

Committee Procedures for Presidential Nominees

Procedures formally adopted by the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: No member of the Committee or Subcommittee shall request that any member of the Committee or Subcommittee provide or perform any function required to be kept confidential as indicated on the questionnaires.

Nominees are requested to answer all questions and to add additional pages where necessary.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, rule XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires each committee to adopt rules to govern the procedure of the committee and to publish those rules in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD not later than March 1 of the first year of each Congress. Today, the Committee on the Budget adopted committee rules of procedure. Consistent with Standing Rule XXVI, I ask unanimous consent to have a copy of the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Budget printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, U.S. SENATE—RULES FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

RULES OF PROCEDURE

I. MEETINGS

(1) Meeting Schedule. The committee shall hold its regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month. Additional meetings may be called by the chair as the chair deems necessary to expedite committee business.

(2) Open to the Public. Each meeting of the committee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a portion or portions of any such meeting may be closed to the public if the committee determines by record vote in open session of a majority of the members of the committee present that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such portion or portions—

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

(b) will relate solely to matters of the committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

(c) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

I will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that, if required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement;

(e) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if—

(i) an act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

(ii) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application for such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(iii) the disclosure of such information is required to be kept confidential under other provisions of law or Government regulations.

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a business meeting or markup shall be limited for completion of the poll. If any member may not vote by poll on closing a meeting or markup, the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the chair of the committee shall not be required to be filed in advance; and (b) It shall not be in order to consider a second degree amendment unless the amendment has been submitted to the chief clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the start of the meeting or markup.

(c) It shall not be in order to consider a side-by-side amendment unless the amendment has been submitted to the chief clerk by 5:00 p.m. prior to the start of the meeting or markup, and the amendment is filed in relation to a particular first degree amendment that is considered by the committee.

(2) Amendments with No Force or Effect. During consideration of a budget resolution, it shall not be in order to consider an amendment that would have no force or effect if adopted.

III. ORDER OF RECOGNITION

Those members who are present at the start of any meeting of the committee including conduct hearings shall be recognized in order of seniority based on time served as a member of the committee. Any members arriving after the start of the meeting shall be recognized, in order of appearance, after the most junior member.

IV. QUORUMS AND VOTING

(1) Definition of Quorum. Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this section, a quorum for the transaction of committee business shall consist of not less than one-third of the membership of the entire committee. Provided, that proxies shall not be counted in making a quorum.

(2) Reporting. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for reporting budget resolutions, legislative measures, or recommendations. Provided, that proxies shall not be counted in making a quorum.

(3) Testimony. For the purpose of taking sworn or unsworn testimony, a quorum of the committee shall consist of one Senator.

(4) Polling Authority. (a) The committee may poll—

(i) internal committee matters including those concerning the committee's staff, records, and budget;

(ii) steps in an investigation, including issuance of subpoenas, applications for immunity, orders, and requests for documents from agencies; and

(iii) other committee business that the committee has designated for polling at a meeting except that the committee may not vote by poll on reporting to the Senate any measure, matter, or recommendation, and may not vote by poll on closing a meeting or hearing to the public;

(b) To conduct a poll, the chair shall circulate polling sheets to each member specifying the matter being polled and the time limit for the poll. If any member requests, the matter shall be held for a meeting rather than being polled. The chair clerk shall keep a record of polls; if the committee determines by record vote in open session of a majority of the members of the committee present that the polled matter is one of public policy, the Rules Committee on the Budget Rules of Procedure I/2(a)-(c), then the record of the poll shall be confidential. Any member may move at the committee meeting showing a poll for a vote on the polled decision.

V. PROXIES

When a record vote is taken in the committee on any amendment, or on any other question, a quorum being present, a member who is unable to attend the meeting or markup may cast a proxy vote by telephone after the chief clerk has been informed of the vote. A proxy vote shall be counted as present and voting at the meeting or markup. Only one proxy vote per member may be cast on any particular question. A proxy vote may be revoked at any time prior to the close of the meeting or markup. The proxy vote shall be counted as present and voting at the meeting or markup. A proxy vote may be revoked at any time prior to the close of the meeting or markup.

VI. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES

(1) Notice. The committee shall make public announcement of the date, time, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by the committee hearing room or physical graphic displays during any meetings or hearings of the committee. Physical graphic displays are limited to the following: Charts, photos, or renderings.

Size: no larger than 36 inches by 48 inches.

The committee may hold one or more hearings on any subject matter, in any order, and at any time. The committee may conduct hearings on any subject matter, in any order, and at any time. A copy of the hearing report shall be distributed to the chair, the ranking member, and, upon request, be maintained in a manner to ensure confidentiality; and (c) Copies of other relevant documents and responses to questions as the committee may request, such as responses to questions concerning the policies and programs the nominee intends to pursue when elected mayor.

3. Report on the Nominee. After a review of all information pertinent to the nomination, a confidential report on the nominee shall be prepared by the committee staff for the chair, the ranking member, and, upon request, for any other member of the committee. The report shall summarize the facts and find the results of the committee inquiry, including any unresolved matters that have been raised during the course of the inquiry.

4. Hearings. The committee shall conduct a hearing during which the nominee shall be called to testify under oath on all matters relating to the nominee’s suitability for office, including the policies and programs which the nominee would pursue while in that position. No hearing or meeting to consider the confirmation shall be held until at least 72 hours after the following events have occurred: the nominee has responded to the requirements set forth in section (2), and, if a report described in subsection (3) has been prepared, it has been presented to the chair and ranking member, and is available to other members of the committee, upon request.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs has adopted rules governing its procedures for the 118th Congress. Pursuant to rules XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on behalf of myself and Ranking Member MORAN, I