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FOREWORD

This report reviewing the legislative activity during the 106th Congress of the Committee on Rules and Administration is submitted pursuant to paragraph 8(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Paragraph 8 provides that standing committees of the Senate shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts thereof, the subject matter of which is within their jurisdiction, and submit to the Senate, not later than March 31 of each odd-numbered year, a report detailing the activities of that committee for the preceding Congress. The text of paragraph 8 of rule XXVI is as follows:

> 8. (a) In order to assist the Senate in—
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> (1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of the application, administration, and execution of the laws enacted by the Congress, and
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> (2) its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications of or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate,
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> each standing committee (except the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget), shall review and study, on a continuing basis the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the legislative jurisdiction of that committee. Such committees may carry out the required analysis, appraisal, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or may require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Senate. Such committees may rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in comparison with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time.
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> (b) In each odd-numbered year, each such committee shall submit, not later than March 31, to the Senate, a report on the activities of that committee under this paragraph during the Congress ending at noon on January 3 of such year.

MITCH MCCONNELL, *Chairman.*

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REPORT

[Pursuant to paragraph 8(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate]

JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules and Administration is set forth in paragraph 1(n)(1) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The following are excerpts from that paragraph.

RULE XXV

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 their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

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(n)(1) Committee on Rules and Administration, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Administration of the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, including the assignment of office space.
2. Congressional organization relative to rules and procedures, and Senate rules and regulations, including floor and gallery rules.
3. Corrupt practices.
4. Credentials and qualifications of Members of the Senate, contested elections, and acceptance of incompatible offices.
5. Federal elections generally, including the election of the President, Vice President, and Members of the Congress.

6. Government Printing Office, and the printing and correction of the Congressional Record, as well as those matters provided for under rule XI.

7. Meeting of the Congress and attendance of Members.

8. Payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate or creating a charge upon the same (except that any resolution relating to substantive matter within the jurisdiction of any other standing committee of the Senate shall be first referred to such committee).

9. Presidential succession.

10. Purchase of books and manuscripts and erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

11. Senate Library and statuary, art, and pictures in the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings.

12. Services to the Senate, including the Senate restaurant.

13. United States Capitol and congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution (and the incorporation of similar institutions), and the Botanic Gardens.

(2) Such committee shall also—

(A) make a continuing study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States and shall recommend improvements in such organization and operation with a view toward strengthening the Congress, simplifying its operations, improving its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enabling it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States;

(B) identify any court proceeding or action which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of vital interest to the Congress as a constitutionally established institution of the Federal Government and call such proceeding or action to the attention of the Senate; and

(C) develop, implement, and update as necessary a strategy planning process and a strategic plan for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate and provide oversight over plans developed by Senate officers and others in accordance with the strategic planning process.

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COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

During the 106th Congress, a total of 96 legislative measures were referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, of which 21 were reported to the Senate. The 96 total measures included 36 Senate bills (1 considered in Senate but not passed; 1 agreed to in Senate; 1 agreed to in Senate and House becoming public law); 35 Senate resolutions (27 reported; 8 agreed to in Senate); 6 Senate joint resolutions (1 agreed to in Senate; 2 agreed to in Senate and House becoming public law); 3 Senate concurrent resolutions (1 agreed to in Senate and House); 3 House bills (2 agreed to in House and Senate becoming public law); and 13 House concurrent resolutions (8 agreed to in House and Senate; 1 passed House and Senate, amended, Senate amendment not agreed to in House).

MEASURES REPORTED TO THE SENATE BY THE COMMITTEE

1. S. Res. 51, providing for membership on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library (without written report).

2. S. Res. 52, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate (without written report).

3. S. Res. 129, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

4. S. Res. 138, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

5. S. Res. 139, to authorize expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

6. S. Res. 142, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Small Business. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

7. S. Res. 143, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

8. S. Res. 144, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

9. S. Res. 145, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

10. S. Res. 146, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

11. S. Res. 147, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

12. S. Res. 148, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

13. S. Res. 149, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

14. S. Res. 150, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Finance. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

15. S. Res. 151, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

16. S. Res. 152, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

17. S. Res. 154, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

18. S. Res. 155, to authorize expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

19. S. Res. 156, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

20. S. Res. 159, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported as a provision of S. Res. 189.

21. S. Res. 189, to authorize biennial expenditures by the committees of the Senate for the period October 1, 1999 through February 28, 2001. S. Rept. 106–164.

MEASURES CONSIDERED IN SENATE

1. S. 1593, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, was referred to Rules Committee on Sept. 16, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 8, 1999, and the measure was considered by the Senate on Oct. 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19, 1999, but the Senate came to no resolution thereon.

MEASURES APPROVED BY SENATE

1. S. 1791, to authorize the Librarian of Congress to purchase papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., from Dr. King's estate, was referred to the Rules Committee on Oct. 26, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 29, 1999 and the measure was passed by the Senate.

2. S. 2498, to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea to Hilo, Hawaii, was referred to the Rules Committee on May 2, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on June 14, 2000 and the measure was passed by the Senate. The measure was passed by the House on Oct. 17, and signed by the President on Oct. 27, 2000, becoming Pub.L. 106–383.

3. S. Res. 7, to amend S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress to increase funding of the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology-Related Problems, was referred to the Rules Committee on Jan. 6, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Mar. 2, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate, amended.

4. S. Res. 51, an original resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library, was reported by the Committee, without written report, on Feb. 25, 1999, and agreed to in the Senate on Mar. 2, 1999.

5. S. Res. 52, an original resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, was reported by the Committee, without written report, on Feb. 25, 1999, and agreed to in the Senate on Mar. 2, 1999.

6. S. Res. 113, to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States be recited at the commencement of the daily session of the Senate, was referred to the Rules Committee on June 9, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on June 23, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate, amended.

7. S. Res. 180, to reauthorize the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program, was referred to the Rules Committee on Sept. 9, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Sept. 30, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

8. S. Res. 189, an original resolution to authorize expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period Oct. 1, 1999 through Feb. 28, 2001, was reported by the Committee on Sept. 27, 1999 (S. Rept. 106–164), and the measure was passed by the Senate on Sept. 29, 1999.

9. S. Res. 360, to authorize the printing of a document entitled "Washington's Farewell Address" was referred to the Rules Committee on Sept. 26, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 3, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

10. S. Res. 361, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual, was referred to the Rules Committee on Sept. 26, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 3, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

11. S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, was referred to the Rules Committee on Feb. 29, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate. The measure was passed by the House on May 2 and signed by the President on May 5, 2000, becoming Pub.L. 106–198.

12. S.J. Res. 41, providing for the appointment of Sheila E. Widnall as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, was referred to the Rules Committee on Feb. 29, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

13. S.J. Res. 42, providing for the appointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, was referred to the Rules Committee on Feb. 29, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate. The measure was passed by the House on May 2 and signed by the President on May 5, 2000, becoming Pub.L. 106–199.

14. S. Con. Res. 130, to establish a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol, was referred to the Rules Committee on July 12, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Sept. 15, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate. The measure was agreed to in the House on Sept. 24, 2000.

15. H.R. 2303, to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives, was referred to the Rules Committee on Oct. 26, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 29, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate; it was signed by the President on Nov. 12, 1999, becoming Pub.L. 106–99.

16. H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch, was referred to the Rules Committee on Oct. 26, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Nov. 4, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate; it was signed by the President on Nov. 12, 1999, becoming Pub.L. 106–100.

17. H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 13, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 30, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

18. H. Con. Res. 196, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, was referred to the Rules Committee on Oct. 19, 1999. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Oct. 26, 1999, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

19. H. Con. Res. 244, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, was referred to the Rules Committee on Feb. 1, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Feb. 10, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

20. H. Con. Res. 277, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 11, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on May 9, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

21. H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the 19th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 4, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

22. H. Con. Res. 279, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 4, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

23. H. Con. Res. 280, authorizing the 2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol grounds, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 11, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on May 25, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

24. H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, was referred to the Rules Committee on Apr. 4, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on Apr. 12, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

25. H. Con. Res. 314, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit, was referred to the Rules Committee on May 4, 2000. The Committee was discharged from further consideration on May 9, 2000, and the measure was passed by the Senate.

MEASURES OBVIATED

During the 106th Congress, the following 25 measures referred to the Committee were obviated by the passage of another piece of legislation:

1. S. 1927, to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes. *Obviated by the passage of H.R. 4846.*

2. S. 3135, to direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a program to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war

veterans, and for other purposes. *Obviated by the passage of H.R. 5212.*

3. S. Res. 129, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

4. S. Res. 138, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

5. S. Res. 139, to authorize expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

6. S. Res. 142, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Small Business. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

7. S. Res. 143, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

8. S. Res. 144, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

9. S. Res. 145, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

10. S. Res. 146, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

11. S. Res. 147, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

12. S. Res. 148, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

13. S. Res. 149, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

14. S. Res. 150, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Finance. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

15. S. Res. 151, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

16. S. Res. 152, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

17. S. Res. 154, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

18. S. Res. 155, to authorize expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

19. S. Res. 156, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

20. S. Res. 159, to authorize expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. *Obviated by the passage of S. Res. 189.*

21. S.J. Res. 8, providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr., as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. *Obviated by the passage of H.J. Res. 28.*

22. S.J. Res. 9, providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. *Obviated by the passage of H.J. Res. 27.*

23. S.J. Res. 10, providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr., as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. *Obviated by the reporting of H.J. Res. 26.*

24. S. Con. Res. 115, to provide for the acceptance of a statue of Chief Washakie, presented by the people of Wyoming, for place-

ment in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes. *Obviated by passage of H. Con. Res. 333.*

25. H. Con. Res. 368, establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the Capitol. *Obviated by passage of S. Con. Res. 130.*

COMMITTEE MEETING AND HEARINGS

Feb. 25, 1999—Committee organizational meeting; to adopt Rules of Procedure for the Committee and select members on the part of the Senate for the Joint Committees on Printing and the Library; to authorize the printing of a collection of rules of the committees of the Senate.

Mar. 24, 1999—To receive testimony on campaign contribution limits.

July 15, 1999—To mark up an original resolution authorizing funding for the Rules Committee for the period Oct, 1, 1999 through Feb. 28, 2001.

July 28, 1999—To receive testimony on the operations of the Smithsonian Institution.

Aug. 4, 1999—To receive testimony on the committee funding resolutions reported by the Committees on Armed Services, Finance, Foreign Relations, Small Business, Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Sept. 15, 1999 —To mark up an original omnibus funding resolution for the committees of the Senate for the period Oct. 1, 1999 through Feb. 28, 2001.

Sept. 22, 1999—To mark up a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

Oct. 20, 1999—To receive testimony on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol.

Mar. 22, 2000—To receive testimony on the Constitution and campaign reform.

Mar. 29, 2000—To receive testimony on Presidential primaries and campaign finance.

Mar. 30, 2000—To receive testimony on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol.

Apr. 5, 2000—To receive testimony on political parties in America.

Apr. 12, 2000—To receive testimony on compelled political speech.

Apr. 26, 2000—To receive testimony on citizen participation in the political process.

May 3, 2000—To receive testimony on political speech on the Internet.

May 17, 2000—To receive testimony on legislative remedies.

June 27, 2000—To receive testimony on the operations of the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS HEARINGS

During the 106th Congress, the Rules Committee held the following hearings to examine the campaign finance system:

Mar. 24, 1999—Hearings held to examine the need to increase the Federal or hard money campaign contribution limits. Testimony was received from Hon. Dan Coats, former U.S. Senator from the State of Indiana, and Special Counsel, Verner, Liipfert, Berhnard, McPherson and Hand; Dr. Demaris Miller of McLean, VA; Karen Sheridan, Executive Vice President of SMY Media, Inc.; and, John R. Lott, Jr., University of Chicago School of Law.

Mar. 22, 2000—Hearings held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on the Constitution and campaign reform. Testimony was received from Ira Glasser, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Joel M. Gora, Associate Dean at the Brooklyn Law School; Deborah Goldberg, Deputy Director of the Democracy Program at the Brennen Center for Justice, NYU School of Law; Kathleen M. Sullivan, Dean of Stanford Law School; Lillian R. BeVier, Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law; and, Alan B. Morrison, Director of the Litagation Group, Public Citizen.

Mar. 29, 2000—Hearings held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on Presidential primaries and campaign finance. Testimony was received from Hon. Fred Thompson, a Senator from the State of Tennessee; Hon. Joseph I. Lieberman, a Senator from the State of Connecticut; Hon. Slade Gorton, a Senator from the State of Washington; Hon. Lamar Alexander; Herbert E. Alexander, Professor Emeritus from the University of Southern California; Roger Pilon, Cato Institute; and, Derek Cressman, United States Public Interest Research Group.

Apr. 5, 2000—Hearing held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on political parties in America. Testimony was received from Hon. Martin Meehan, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts; Hon. Christopher Shays, a Representative from the State of Connecticut; Bobby R. Burchfield, Partner, Covington & Burling; Michael C. Munger, Duke University; Dylan C. Glenn, Republican Candidate for Congress for the Second District of Georgia; Robert T. Bennett, Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party; Scott Harshbarger, President and CEO of Common Cause; and Charles E.M. Kolb, President of the Committee for Economic Development.

Apr. 12, 2000—Hearing held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on compelled political speech. Testimony was received from David S. Fortney, Washington, D.C.; Laurence E. Gold, Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO; Leo Troy, Professor of Economics, Rutgers University; Kenneth F. Boehm, Chairman of the National Legal and Policy Center; Joan Claybrook, President, Public Citizen; and, Robert P. Hunter, Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Apr. 26, 2000—Hearing held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on citizen participation in the political process. Testimony was received from Hon. Orrin Hatch, Senator from the State of Utah; Laura W. Murphy, Director of the Washington Office, American Civil Liberties Union; E. Joshua Rosenkranz, President and CEO, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law; and James Bopp, Jr., General Counsel, James Madison Center for Free Speech.

May 3, 2000—Hearing held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on political speech on the Internet. Testimony was received from Hon. Conrad Burns, a Senator from the State of Mon-

tana; Hon. Robert Bennett, a Senator from the State of Utah; and, Hon. David M. Mason and Hon. Karl L. Sandstrom, Commissioners, Federal Election Commission.

May 17, 2000—Hearing held to examine campaign finance issues, focusing on legislative remedies. Testimony was received from Hon. Chuck Hagel, a Senator from the State of Nebraska; Hon. J. Robert Kerrey, a Senator from the State of Nebraska; Hon. Mary L. Landrieu, Senator from the State of Louisiana; Hon. Spencer Abraham, a Senator from the State of Michigan; Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Senator from the State of Texas; Hon. Ernest F. Hollings, a Senator from the State of South Carolina; and, Hon. Jack Reed, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

NOMINATIONS

In the 106th Congress, the Committee considered and reported favorably to the Senate the nominations of: Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2005 (reappointment); and, Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring Apr. 30, 2005, vice Lee Ann Elliott, resigned.

REVISION IN COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

Since 1989, the Rules Committee has adopted a biennial funding authorization for committees of the Senate. Unique circumstances arising from the need to deal with Y2K computer matters before the close of 1999 affected the committee budget process. The Senate transitioned to a new Financial Management System (FMIS), which was designed to conform to the Federal Government's fiscal year which runs from October 1 through September 30. Consequently, modification to the committee funding process (in which budget years began on March 1) were necessary to reflect the Federal fiscal year for accounting purposes.

In order to make the transition as seamless as possible, the Senate agreed to S. Res. 38 on February 12, 1999, which authorized the Rules Committee to report a continuing resolution authorizing Senate committee expenditures for the period March 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999. The Rules Committee then reported and the Senate passed S. Res. 49 which continued to fund committees at the 1998 levels with a COLA adjustment for that seven-month period.

On June 14, 1999, the Senate agreed to S. Res. 122 which: (1) required committees of the Senate to report a funding resolution no later than July 15, 1999, and (2) authorized the Rules Committee to report an omnibus funding resolution for the two remaining applicable fiscal years. On Sept. 29, 1999 the Senate agreed to S. Res. 189 which authorized expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 (12 months); and, Oct. 1, 2000 through Feb. 28, 2001 (5 months).

COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Legislative Calendar of the Committee on Rules and Administration, Final Calendar, 105th Congress, 2nd session, published 1998, S. Prt. 105–99.
- Rules and Manual of the United States Senate, 106th Congress, 1st Session, 1999, S. Doc. 106–1.
- Authority and Rules of Senate Committees, 106th Congress, 1st session, 1999, S. Doc. 106–6.
- Review of Legislative Activity During the 105th Congress, 106th Congress, 1st session, 1999, S. Rept. 106–41.
- Senate Election Law Guidebook, 2000, 106th Congress, 1st session, 1999, S. Doc. 106–14.
- Standing Rules of the Senate, 106th Congress, 2nd Session, 2000, S. Doc. 106–15.
- Nomination and Election of the President and Vice President, 2000, 106th Congress, 1st Session, 1999, S. Doc. 106–16.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Campaign Contributions Limits, 106th Congress, 1st session, S. Hrg. 106–19.
- The Constitution and Campaign Reform, 106th Congress, 2nd session, S. Hrg. 106–522.
- Nominations to the Federal Election Commission, 106th Congress, 2nd session, S. Hrg. 106–391.