

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Forms of Resolution Generally Used by the Senate in Cases of Death of Members of Senate and House of Representatives

Forms Used:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Honorable _____ late a Senator from the State of _____.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President of the Senate [who shall be a member of said committee]¹ to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, do adjourn.²

OR

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Honorable _____, a Senator from the State of _____ from _____ until _____, and a former President of the Senate pro tempore.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 11 o'clock antemeridian tomorrow.³

OR

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable _____, late a Representative from the State of _____.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

¹ In recent years, the Senate sometimes puts the provision included in brackets in its funeral resolutions.

² S. Res. 212, of 84th Cong.

³ S. Res. 176, of 85th Cong.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday next.⁴

Time of Announcement and Action on Resolution:

The death of a Senator is announced at the time, or if in adjournment, on the first day of the session following, by a colleague who offers such a resolution as set forth above. In the case of the death of a Representative, the resolution, the form of which is set forth above, is not submitted until the House has adopted such a resolution and messages it to the Senate.

After the adoption of such a resolution, which might take place at any time during the course of the sitting but often just before adjournment or recess, the majority leader or someone on whom the responsibility falls, at the time of adjournment, moves:

Senator. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator (or Representative), I move that the Senate adjourn (or recess) until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow (or some subsequent date).

Former Senators:

Resolutions are frequently adopted to announce the death of a former Senator, as the following one (S. Res. 298) adopted on March 22, 1974:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable B. Everett Jordan, a Senator from the State of North Carolina from April 19, 1958, to January 2, 1973, and a former Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration for ten years.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

Forms of Resolutions Used by the Senate for Memorial Services:

Resolved, That the legislative business of the Senate be now suspended for the purpose of permitting the delivery of memorial ad-

⁴ S. Res. 211, of 84th Cong.

dresses on the life, character, and public service of Honorable _____, late a Senator from the State of _____.⁵

OR

Resolved, That on _____, the _____ day of _____, _____ at _____ o'clock postmeridian, the legislative business of the Senate be suspended for the purpose of holding memorial services for deceased Senators. Senators shall have leave for _____ legislative days to extend their remarks in the *Congressional Record* on the life, character, and public service of deceased Senators. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the President pro tempore, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, shall declare the Senate adjourned. The necessary expenses connected with such memorial services shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.⁶

Funeral Committee:

A message from the House of Representatives relative to the death of a Member not having been received by the Senate until after his funeral, no committee is appointed by the Senate to attend the funeral.⁷

Printing of:

Section 723 of Title 44 of the United States Code provides for the publication of memorials of deceased Senators; thus a unanimous consent request for the publication of a Senate document embodying all such transcript is not necessary.⁸

Recessed for Funeral:

The Senate on September 15, 1971, recessed from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., as a mark of respect to the Senator from Vermont, Mr. Prouty, whose funeral was being held in Vermont at that time and also a recess was taken on

⁵ S. Res. 182, of 85th Cong.

⁶ S. Res. 212, of 80th Cong.

⁷ June 15, 1935, 74-1, *Record*, pp. 9368-69.

⁸ See Proceedings for Nov. 5, 1969, 91-1 of daily *Record*; see also *Journal* for Nov. 5, 1969, p. 606. Note the following:

On November 5, 1969, Senator Percy asked and was granted unanimous consent to rescind the order of October 29, 1969, to publish as a Senate Document all memorial addresses to the late Senator Everett Dirksen. The reason for this cancellation was due to the fact that Section 723 of Title 44 of the United States Code provides that "after the final adjournment of each session of Congress, there should be compiled, prepared, printed with illustration and bound with cloth in one volume, in the style, form, and manner," etc.

September 14, to attend his funeral services held in Georgetown.⁹

Status of Bill Unaffected by Memorial Service:

A bill does not lose its right as unfinished business in consequence of an order of the Senate providing for memorial services in tribute to deceased Members.¹⁰

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See "Amendments Between Houses," pp. 126-143, and "Communications and Messages to the Senate," pp. 430-441.

MILEAGE PAY FOR TRAVEL OF SENATORS

Senators are entitled to mileage pay at the rate of 20 cents per mile, to be estimated by the nearest route usually traveled in going to and returning from each regular session.¹

For the first session of the 80th Congress two mileages were paid, one for the first part of the session and another for the second part called by President Truman which convened on November 17, 1947.²

In 1905, the Senate struck from an appropriation bill, passed by the House, an item allowing mileage for a session which merged with the subsequent one, which, after conferences, was agreed to by the House.³

⁹ See Sept. 15, 1971, 92-1, *Record*, p. 31943.

¹⁰ See Dec. 12, 1914, 63-3, *Record*, p. 139.

¹ Sec. 48 of 2 U.S.C. Otherwise, transportation expense reimbursements for trips between Washington, D.C. and the Senator's home State are paid from the Consolidated Office Expense Allowance for each Senator as authorized by Pub. L. 92-607, approved Oct. 31, 1972; as amended by Pub. L. 95-94.

² See H.R. 4748 approved Dec. 23, 1947, passed Senate Dec. 19, 1947, 80-1, *Record*, p. 11704.

³ Mar. 3, 1905, 58-3, *Record*, pp. 3965, 4016.