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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 232, 237, 240, 241, 242, 243, and nominations in the Army on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C. section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Peter J. Gravett, 0000
 Brig. Gen. Walter J. Pudlowski, Jr., 0000
 Brig. Gen. Frederic J. Raymond, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Lewis E. Brown, 0000
 Col. Dan M. Colglazier, 0000
 Col. James A. Cozine, 0000
 Col. David C. Godwin, 0000
 Col. Carl N. Grant, 0000
 Col. Herman G. Kirven, Jr., 0000

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a term of five years.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Counsel of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning *Eric J. Albertson, and ending *Stanley E. Whitten, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Roger F. Hall, Jr., and ending Paul K. Wohl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nomination of Robert A. Vigersky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Michael V. Kostiw, and ending David T. Ulmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Robert S. Adams, and ending Jeffrey P. Stolrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Jon A. Hinman, and ending *Glenn R. Scheib, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning James E. Cobb, and ending Curtis G. Whiteford, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Herbert J. Andrade, and ending Nathan A. K. Wong, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Richard P. Anderson, and ending Gary F. Wainwright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning *Rodney H. Allen, and ending *Clifton E. Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 1574

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 1574 be made with the changes that are already at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 287, S. 1051.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1051) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6211-6251) is amended—

(a) In section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246), by inserting "through 2003" after "1999".

(b) In section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251), by striking "1999" each place it appears and inserting "2003".

SEC. 2. Title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6261-6285) is amended—

(a) In section 256(h) (41 U.S.C. 6276(h)), by inserting "through 2003" after "1997".

(b) In section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285), by striking "1999" each place it appears and inserting "2003".

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1051), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 289, S. Res. 189.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 189) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods of October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am pleased to support the resolution before the Senate today which authorizes funding for 18 Senate standing committees through the remainder of the biennium ending on February 28, 2001.

This resolution marks another milestone in the development of the biennial funding authority for committees, first authorized in the 100th Congress. Since 1989, the Senate has funded committees on a two-year basis. The two-year budget has given the authorizing committees, and the Rules Committee in its capacity as the oversight committee, a management tool for efficiently operating the Senate committees. The two-year budget process allows for a continuity of funding which provides greater flexibility in allocating committee funds and scheduling committee business. Although the Rules Committee has adjusted the biennial funding authority in the past to provide greater flexibility to committees, the Senate has consistently approved a biennial budget for committee funding in each of the last six Congresses.

In the 106th Congress, changes in the Senate financial management system

required to address Y2K issues necessitated a departure from the Senate rules and past practices. In the past, the Rules Committee completed action on the biennial committee funding resolution prior to the beginning of the new biennium on March 1 of the new Congress, as provided for in Rule XXVI of the Senate Rules. Due to the pressing business of the Senate at the beginning of the Congress, and in light of a number of unresolved issues regarding the implementation of the new financial management system in the Senate, the majority and minority staff of the Committee jointly recommended delaying committee action on the biennial budget until later in the year. Consequently, the Committee proposed, and the Senate adopted, S. Res. 38 on February 12 of this year, which authorized the Rules Committee to report a continuing resolution for committee funding for the period of March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999. Subsequently, the Committee adopted, and the Senate passed, S. Res. 49 which funded 18 standing committees on a continuing basis for this period. In June, the Senate passed S. Res. 122, which required the authorizing committee to report their funding resolution by July 15 of this year and authorized the Rules Committee to report an omnibus funding resolution for the remainder of the biennium, ending on February 28, 2001. S. Res. 189 before us today is the culmination of this process.

This resolution preserves the overall flexibility of a two-year budget while modifying past practices to reflect changes in the Senate's financial management system. At the recommendation of the Senate Disbursing Office, this resolution moves the committee budget year from two equal funding periods, within the overall two-year budget, of March 1 through February 28, to three varying funding periods which track the Senate's fiscal year period. S. Res. 49 provided funding for the first of the three periods, March 1 through September 30, 1999. S. Res. 189 authorizes committee spending during each of the next two periods of the biennium: October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, and finally, October 1, 2000 through February 28, 2001. It is anticipated that the biennial funding resolution adopted in the 107th Congress will once again follow Senate Rule XXVI and be adopted prior to March 1, 2001, providing funding for committees for the three fiscal year periods occurring during the biennium ending February 28, 2003.

Most importantly, this resolution continues a practice begun by the Rules Committee in 1993 referred to as the "special reserves." Special reserves result from the overlap in the end of the committee funding year on February 28 and the end of the fiscal year on September 30. The unobligated balances of the authorizing committee budgets which are unspent at the end of the biennium on February 28, but

which remain available through the end of the fiscal year on September 30, are reprogrammed into special reserves and made available to the committees to meet their unforeseen needs.

The Rules Committee first authorized the use of special reserves in the 103rd Congress in S. Res. 71, section 23. In that resolution, the Senate authorized special reserves to be reprogrammed as carry-over funds for the committees. In the 104th Congress, the Rules Committee reported S. Res. 73, section 22 of which continued the authorization for special reserves, but eliminated the authorization for automatic carry-over and replaced it with a procedure whereby the chairman and ranking member of the authorizing committee could jointly request a draw on the special reserves, subject to the joint approval of the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee. This procedure, and the authorization for special reserves, was continued in the 105th Congress in S. Res. 54, section 22. Finally, in the 106th Congress, S. Res. 49, which provided funding for committees on a continuing basis through September 30, 1999, also contained, in section 20, the authority for special reserves. This authority continued the procedure first adopted in the 104th Congress providing that the chair and ranking member of the authorizing committee jointly request a draw on special reserves, subject to the joint approval of the chair and ranking member of the Rules Committee.

Although section 20 of S. Res. 189 continues the authority for special reserves, and the procedure by which such reserves are accessed by committees, this resolution reflects an important change in the calculation of the special reserves amount. Prior to the 106th Congress, special reserves represented a reprogramming of unobligated balances that automatically occurred when the committee funding authorization ended on February 28. With the changes necessitated by the new financial management system, committee funding authorizations now track the fiscal year. Consequently, there is no overlap between the end of the committee funding year and the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, in order to assure that sufficient funds remain available in the appropriations Investigations and Inquiries account to fund the unforeseen needs of committees, the Rules Committee specified a funding level for special reserves. That funding level is based on the historic amount that has been available to the Committee for special reserves in the past three Congresses.

I want to commend our chairman, Senator MCCONNELL, for shepherding this resolution to the Senate floor. His leadership during this transition year has ensured that the committees have received sufficient funds while allowing the Committee time to adjust to the new financial management system. I especially commend the chairman for

continuing the special reserves provision and for the responsible manner in which he has proposed to fund special reserves. This provision ensures that the Rules Committee can continue to hold committee funding to its historic levels, while retaining the flexibility to meet the unforeseen needs that may result.

I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that this resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 189) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 189

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AGGREGATE AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out the powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, and under the appropriate authorizing resolutions of the Senate there is authorized for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, in the aggregate of \$52,933,922, and for the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, in the aggregate of \$22,534,293, in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, for standing committees of the Senate, the Special Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

(b) EXPENSES OF COMMITTEES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), any expenses of a committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee.

(2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall not be required—

(A) for the disbursement of salaries of employees of the committee who are paid at an annual rate;

(B) for the payment of telecommunications expenses provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper and the Department of Telecommunications;

(C) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of Stationery;

(D) for payments to the Postmaster;

(E) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper; or

(F) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services.

(c) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committees for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and for the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, to be paid from the appropriations account for "Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations" of the Senate.

SEC. 2. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$2,118,150, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$4,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$4,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$903,523, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$4,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$4,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 3. COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,796,030, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,568,418, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$30,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$5,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 4. COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,160,739, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$850, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,348,349, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$8,333, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$354, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 5. COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,449,315, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$2,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000,

through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,472,442, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$2,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 6. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,823,318, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$14,572, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$15,600, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,631,426, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$14,572, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$15,600, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 7. COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the

period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$2,924,935.

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,248,068.

SEC. 8. COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$2,688,097, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$8,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$2,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,146,192, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$3,333, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$833, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 9. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Finance is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,762,517, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$30,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof

(as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,604,978, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$30,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 10. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$3,158,449, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$45,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$1,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,347,981, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$45,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$1,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 11. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Governmental Affairs is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and

the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$5,026,582, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$2,144,819, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(d) INVESTIGATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, is authorized to study or investigate—

(A) the efficiency and economy of operations of all branches of the Government including the possible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption, or unethical practices, waste, extravagance, conflicts of interest, and the improper expenditure of Government funds in transactions, contracts, and activities of the Government or of Government officials and employees and any and all such improper practices between Government personnel and corporations, individuals, companies, or persons affiliated therewith, doing business with the Government; and the compliance or noncompliance of such corporations, companies, or individuals or other entities with the rules, regulations, and laws governing the various governmental agencies and its relationships with the public;

(B) the extent to which criminal or other improper practices or activities are, or have been, engaged in the field of labor-management relations or in groups or organizations of employees or employers, to the detriment of interests of the public, employers, or employees, and to determine whether any changes are required in the laws of the United States in order to protect such interests against the occurrence of such practices or activities;

(C) organized criminal activity which may operate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of interstate or international commerce in furtherance of any transactions and the manner and extent to which, and the identity of the persons, firms, or corporations, or other entities by whom such utilization is being made, and further, to study and investigate the manner in which and the extent to which persons engaged in organized criminal activity have infiltrated lawful business enterprise, and to study the adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the operations of organized crime in interstate or international commerce; and to determine whether any changes are required in the laws of the United States in order to protect the public against such practices or activities;

(D) all other aspects of crime and lawlessness within the United States which have an

impact upon or affect the national health, welfare, and safety; including but not limited to investment fraud schemes, commodity and security fraud, computer fraud, and the use of offshore banking and corporate facilities to carry out criminal objectives;

(E) the efficiency and economy of operations of all branches and functions of the Government with particular reference to—

(i) the effectiveness of present national security methods, staffing, and processes as tested against the requirements imposed by the rapidly mounting complexity of national security problems;

(ii) the capacity of present national security staffing, methods, and processes to make full use of the Nation's resources of knowledge and talents;

(iii) the adequacy of present intergovernmental relations between the United States and international organizations principally concerned with national security of which the United States is a member; and

(iv) legislative and other proposals to improve these methods, processes, and relationships;

(F) the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government involved in the control and management of energy shortages including, but not limited to, their performance with respect to—

(i) the collection and dissemination of accurate statistics on fuel demand and supply;

(ii) the implementation of effective energy conservation measures;

(iii) the pricing of energy in all forms;

(iv) coordination of energy programs with State and local government;

(v) control of exports of scarce fuels;

(vi) the management of tax, import, pricing, and other policies affecting energy supplies;

(vii) maintenance of the independent sector of the petroleum industry as a strong competitive force;

(viii) the allocation of fuels in short supply by public and private entities;

(ix) the management of energy supplies owned or controlled by the Government;

(x) relations with other oil producing and consuming countries;

(xi) the monitoring of compliance by governments, corporations, or individuals with the laws and regulations governing the allocation, conservation, or pricing of energy supplies; and

(xii) research into the discovery and development of alternative energy supplies; and

(G) the efficiency and economy of all branches and functions of Government with particular references to the operations and management of Federal regulatory policies and programs.

(2) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out the duties provided in paragraph (1), the inquiries of this committee or any subcommittee of the committee shall not be construed to be limited to the records, functions, and operations of any particular branch of the Government and may extend to the records and activities of any persons, corporation, or other entity.

(3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the purposes of this subsection, the committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, or its chairman, or any other member of the committee or subcommittee designated by the chairman, from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, is authorized, in its, his, or their discretion—

(A) to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of witnesses and production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents;

(B) to hold hearings;

(C) to sit and act at any time or place during the sessions, recess, and adjournment periods of the Senate;

(D) to administer oaths; and

(E) to take testimony, either orally or by sworn statement, or, in the case of staff members of the Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, by deposition in accordance with the Committee Rules of Procedure.

(4) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—Nothing contained in this subsection shall affect or impair the exercise of any other standing committee of the Senate of any power, or the discharge by such committee of any duty, conferred or imposed upon it by the Standing Rules of the Senate or by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

(5) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and related legal processes of the committee and its subcommittee authorized under S. Res. 49, agreed to February 24, 1999 (106th Congress) are authorized to continue.

SEC. 12. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$4,560,792, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$22,500, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$15,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,946,026, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$22,500, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$15,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 13. COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$4,845,263, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$60,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$2,068,258, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$60,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 14. COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$1,647,719, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$703,526, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$21,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$4,200, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 15. COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the

Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Small Business is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$1,330,794, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$567,472, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$10,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$5,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 16. COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$1,246,174, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$5,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$531,794, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$21,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of indi-

vidual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$2,100, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

SEC. 17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions imposed by section 104 of S. Res. 4, agreed to February 4, 1977, (Ninety-fifth Congress), and in exercising the authority conferred on it by such section, the Special Committee on Aging is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$1,459,827, of which amount not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$622,709, of which amount not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 18. SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under S. Res. 400, agreed to May 19, 1976 (94th Congress), in accordance with its jurisdiction under section 3(a) of that resolution, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by section 5 of that resolution, the Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$2,674,687, of which amount not to exceed \$65,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,141,189, of which amount not to exceed \$65,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 19. COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions imposed by

section 105 of S. Res. 4, agreed to February 4, 1977 (95th Congress), and in exercising the authority conferred on it by that section, the Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized from October 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, under this section shall not exceed \$1,260,534, of which amount not to exceed \$1,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2001.—For the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$537,123, of which amount \$1,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 20. SPECIAL RESERVE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within the funds in the account “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” appropriated by the legislative branch appropriation Acts for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, there is authorized to be established a special reserve to be available to any committee funded by this resolution as provided in subsection (b) of which—

(1) an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000; and

(2) an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—The special reserve authorized in subsection (a) shall be available to any committee—

(1) on the basis of special need to meet unpaid obligations incurred by that committee during the periods referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a); and

(2) at the request of a Chairman and Ranking Member of that committee subject to the approval of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, 1999. I further ask consent that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the pending Gregg amendment to the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.