

D. Rockefeller IV, Debbie Stabenow, Patty Murray, Richard Durbin, Edward E. Kaufman, Jim Webb, Mark Begich, Byron L. Dorgan, Carl Levin, Dianne Feinstein, Roland W. Burris.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call is waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on H.R. 1105, an act making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) is necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 62, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 96 Leg.]

YEAS—62

Akaka	Gillibrand	Nelson (NE)
Alexander	Hagan	Pryor
Baucus	Harkin	Reed
Begich	Inouye	Reid
Bennet	Johnson	Rockefeller
Bingaman	Kaufman	Sanders
Bond	Kerry	Schumer
Boxer	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Brown	Kohl	Shelby
Burris	Landrieu	Snowe
Byrd	Lautenberg	Specter
Cantwell	Leahy	Stabenow
Cardin	Levin	Tester
Carper	Lieberman	Udall (CO)
Casey	Lincoln	Udall (NM)
Cochran	Menendez	Warner
Conrad	Merkley	Webb
Dodd	Mikulski	Whitehouse
Dorgan	Murkowski	Wicker
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Feinstein	Nelson (FL)	

NAYS—35

Barrasso	DeMint	Lugar
Bayh	Ensign	Martinez
Bennett	Enzi	McCain
Brownback	Feingold	McCaskill
Bunning	Graham	McConnell
Burr	Grassley	Risch
Chambliss	Gregg	Roberts
Choburn	Hatch	Sessions
Collins	Hutchison	Thune
Corker	Inhofe	Vitter
Cornyn	Isakson	Voivovich
Crapo	Kyl	

NOT VOTING—2

Johannis Kennedy

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 62, the nays are 35. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Since I assumed the chairmanship of the committee less than 2 months ago, on January 21, the staff of the committee has accomplished some extraordinary things.

The committee held a markup on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act less than a week after I assumed

the gavel, on January 27. We passed the Recovery Act on February 10, held an open conference with the House and then passed the conference report on February 14. On February 17, the President signed the Recovery Act into law.

The committee then moved immediately to take up the 2009 Omnibus Act, which we have passed today. I want to recognize the many late nights, the weekends, and the lost family time that have all been sacrificed by staff in order that we might accomplish the passage of two significant appropriations bills in less than 2 months.

As is our tradition, the committee operated in a fully bipartisan fashion in all of our efforts, and our non-partisan support staff did their usual superb job of allowing the policy staff to complete their work under such tight deadlines.

Without the hard work, dedication and extraordinary effort of all the staff members of this committee, we would not have passed the Recovery Act or the 2009 omnibus. As the chairman of this committee, and on behalf of the American people who they serve so well, I thank them for their exceptional efforts and for providing me such an outstanding start to my time as leader of this committee.

I submit the names of all of the staff members of the Senate Appropriations Committee for the RECORD.

The list is as follows:

Carrie Apostolou, Alex Avanni, Michael Bain, Dennis Balkham, Gabrielle Batkin, Katie Batte, Ellen Beares, Rebecca Benn, Suzanne Bentzel, Lisa Bernhardt, Jessica Berry, Rob Blumenthal, David Bonine, John Bray, Dale Cabaniss, Art Cameron, George A Castro, Doug Clapp.

Roger Cockrell, John J. Conway, Erin Corcoran, Carol Cribbs, Margaret Cumisky, Teri Curtin, Allen Cutler, Scott Dalzell, Rebecca Davies, Nicole Di Resta, Mary Dietrich, Drenan Dudley, Fitz Elder, Kate Eltrich, Christina Evans, Bruce Evans, Alycia Farrell, Erik Fatemi, Kate Fitzpatrick.

Leif Fonnesebeck, Galen Fountain, Jessica Frederick, Lauren Frese, Brad Fuller, Barry Gaffney, Colleen Gaydos, Paul Grove, Katy Hagan, Adrienne Hallett, Diana Hamilton, Ben Hammond, Jonathan Harwitz, Lila Helms, Stewart Holmes, Charles Houy, Doris Jackson, Virginia James, Rachel Jones.

Jon Kamareck, Dennis Kaplan, Kate Kaufer, Charles Kieffer, Peter Kieffhaber, Jeff Kratz, Mark Laisch, Richard Larson, Ellen Maldonado, Nikole Manatt, Stacy McBride, Matthew McCardle, Meaghan McCarthy, Rachel Milberg, Mark Moore, Fernanda Motta, Ellen Murray, Scott Nance.

Hong Nguyen, Nancy Olkewicz, Scott O'Malia, Thomas Osterhoudt, Sudip Parikh, Melissa Petersen, Brian Potts, Dianne Preece, Bob Putnam, Erik Raven, Gary Reese, Tim Rieser, Peter Rogoff, Betsy Schmid, Rachele Schroeder, Chad Schulken, LaShawnda Smith, Renan Snowden, Reggie Stewart, Goodloe Sutton, Rachael Taylor, Bettilou Taylor, Christa Thompson, Marianne Upton, Chip Walgren, Chris Watkins, Jeremy Weirich, Augusta Wilson, Sarah Wilson, Brian Wilson, Franz Wuerfmansdobler, Michele Wymer, Bridget Zarate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, cloture having been

invoked, all postcloture time is yielded back. The question is on the third reading and passage of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 1105) was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is on passage of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 1105) was passed.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of S. Res. 73, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 73) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 73) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 73

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 March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, in the aggregate of \$69,152,989, for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, in the aggregate of \$121,593,254, and for the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, in the aggregate of \$51,787,223, 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 Committee on Indian Affairs.

(b) 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 March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and for the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$2,735,622, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$200,000, 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 \$40,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$4,809,496, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$200,000, 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 \$40,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$2,048,172, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$200,000, 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 \$40,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through

September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,639,258, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$30,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$8,158,696, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$80,000, 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 \$30,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,475,330, 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 \$30,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,204,901, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$11,667, 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 \$700, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$7,393,024, 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 Legis-

lative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$1,200, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,148,531, 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 \$500, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,384,507, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$35,000, 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 \$70,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$7,711,049, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$120,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,284,779, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000, 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 \$50,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,529,245, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$7,963,737, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$50,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,391,751, 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 \$50,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through

September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$3,833,400.

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$6,740,569.

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$2,870,923.

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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$3,529,786, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$4,667, 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 \$1,167, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$6,204,665, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$2,641,940, 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 that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$5,210,765, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$17,500, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$5,833, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$9,161,539, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,901,707, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$12,500, 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 \$4,167, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,291,761, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$100,000, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$7,546,310, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$100,000, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,214,017, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$100,000, 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 that Act).

SEC. 11. 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$5,973,747, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$25,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$10,503,951, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$25,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010,

through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$4,473,755, 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 \$25,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

SEC. 12. COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND 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 and S. Res. 445, agreed to October 9, 2004 (108th Congress), 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 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized from March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$6,742,824, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$11,856,527, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$5,049,927, 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 that Act).

(e) 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, mis-

feasance, 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) DUTIES 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, is authorized, in its, his, hers, 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. 89, agreed to March 1, 2007 (110th Congress) are authorized to continue.

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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$6,528,294, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$116,667, 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 \$11,667, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$11,481,341, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$200,000, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$4,890,862, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$83,333, 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 \$8,333, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$1,797,669, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$6,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30,

2010, under this section shall not exceed \$3,161,766, 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,346,931, 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 that Act).

SEC. 15. COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

(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 and Entrepreneurship is authorized from March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$1,693,240, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000, 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 \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$2,976,370, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000, 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 \$10,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,267,330, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000, 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 that 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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$1,565,089, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$59,000, 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 \$12,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$2,752,088, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$100,000, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,172,184, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$42,000, 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 \$8,334, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that 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 (95th Congress), and in exercising the authority conferred on it by such section, the Special Committee on Aging is authorized from March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$1,892,515, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$117,000, 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 that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$3,327,243, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$200,000, 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 \$15,000, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,416,944, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$85,000, 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 that Act).

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), as amended by S. Res. 445, agreed to October 9, 2004 (108th Congress), in accordance with its jurisdiction under sections 3(a) and 17 of such S. Res. 400, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by section 5 of such S. Res. 400, the Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized from March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$4,151,023, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$37,917, 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 \$1,167, may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$7,298,438, of which amount—

(1) 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 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); 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 that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$3,108,302, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$27,083, 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 that Act).

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 March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, 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 PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.—The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, under this section shall not exceed \$1,449,343, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for training consultants of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, under this section shall not exceed \$2,546,445, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for training consultants of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011.—For the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$1,083,838, 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 \$20,000, may be expended for training consultants of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

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 2009, 2010, and 2011, 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 \$4,375,000, shall be available for the period March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; and

(2) an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010; and

(3) an amount not to exceed \$3,125,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011.

(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), (2), and (3) 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.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

SENATOR LEAHY JOINS THE 13,000 VOTE CLUB

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, in the entire history of the U.S. Senate, only eight Senators have cast 13,000 votes. Today, our honorable colleague, Senator LEAHY, has become the ninth Senator to do it.

Mr. President, I congratulate the distinguished senior Senator from Vermont upon achieving this monumental milestone in his life and career. As a 34-year veteran of the Senate, and as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator LEAHY has already provided invaluable service to his state and our country.

Now he has become a member of one of the most exclusive clubs in our country, "U.S. Senators who have cast 13,000 votes club."

As the charter member of this exclusive club, I welcome Senator LEAHY into it.

TRIBUTE TO KENTUCKY CHEERLEADING SQUADS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of the North Laurel Middle and High School cheerleading squads from the city of London in my home State of Kentucky. Recently, both teams won national championships in the Universal Cheerleaders Association, at competitions held in Orlando, FL.

Both teams overcame setbacks and injuries but still triumphed. Through

hard work and dedication, they were able to clinch the national titles for Kentucky. Recently, the Sentinel-Echo newspaper in London, KY, published an article detailing the victories of both teams.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the cheerleaders and coaches from North Laurel Middle and High Schools for their performances in the national competition. I further ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD, as well as the names of the participants and coaches.

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

[From the Sentinel-Echo, Feb. 13, 2009]

LAURELS FOR NORTH LAUREL

(By Tara Kaprowy)

With full police and fire truck escort, marching band fanfare and thousands of students waiting to greet them, North Laurel middle and high school cheerleaders came home wreathed in victory Tuesday. The teams both clinched first place last weekend at the Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship, the be-all end-all of cheerleading competitions.

North Laurel Middle School coach Christy Jones was thrilled.

"It's all the buzz down here," she said of the North Laurel wins. "They loved the girls, they loved the routine."

North Laurel High School coach Kim Wood was likewise pleased.

"We're celebrating like we've never celebrated before," she said.

Wood's team has had a heart-stopping couple of days. The team arrived in Orlando, Fla., a few days before the weekend competition to have time to practice their highly technical routine.

But on the first day, tragedy struck.

"We had one of our strongest bases get injured," Wood said. "She blew her knee out."

With Lindsey Lewis now forced to the sidelines, it was up to Laura Robinson—who had never even competed before—to step in.

"She was so nervous," Wood said.

To incorporate Robinson into the performance, the girls had to adjust their formations and rework the routine, practicing six hours a day to get things right.

"Each girl had to work even harder," Wood said.

By the end of the second round of competition, the girls were in seventh place; one of the girls had fallen, which cost the team points. Nevertheless, they advanced to finals. This time, their 2½-minute routine was flawless.

"It was perfect," Wood said. "They were awesome."

When the winners were being announced, the judges asked the girls to maintain their composure out of respect for the other teams. But Wood said when the runner-up was named—and it wasn't North Laurel—her girls were ecstatic.

"They were bawling and crying and jumping for joy," Wood said.

Over in the middle-school competition, the girls were up against the fearsome Mount Pisgah and Houston girls, cheerleaders from two middle schools who finish first and second year after year.

This year, Jones said she was ready for the Tennessee teams, with North Laurel's choreographer crafting a routine that was at the highest level of difficulty. The performance incorporates 13 full-ups, a move in which the

girls complete a 360-degree turn before they hit the top of their stunt.

"We do them to one leg, which is even more difficult," Jones said.

The girls pulled off the stunts, even though they were also plagued by injuries.

Dani Flannery, who tore the ligaments in her ankle last year, reinjured her leg while in Florida.

She chose to compete anyway.

"She battled back," Jones said. "And she did it with a smile on her face."

In the end, the NLMS girls pulled off their routine and, by 12 points, were named the champions.

Jones said the win was sweet.

"It's been very difficult to gain respect," she said. "It's kind of the (Tennessee team) club, but we broke into it this year. And they didn't like it."

Jones said she and her girls are thankful for the support they received throughout the year.

"We are just so appreciative of our principal (David Hensley)," she said. "He is so supportive of our program. And our parents, listen, our parents raised the money so every child could come to Florida for free. And the community. Every time they buy a T-shirt or a box of donuts, it lets these girls achieve their dream. I'm so thankful."

NORTH LAUREL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Katie Mays, Caitlyn Adams, Sammantha Tolliver, Maddie Wood, Hannah Robinson, Ashley McCowan, Whitney McCowan, Ryvers Loomis, Meagan Stewart, Hannah McWhorter, McKayla Vaughn, Taylor Hubbard, Dani Flannery, Kristen King, Whitney Reams, Miranda Browning, Savannah Goozeman, Sydney Herrell, Farris Strong, Sherri Gray, Lane Mitchell, Breanna Binder, Morgan Bill, Sammantha Nalley, Kelsey Guidi, Amy Corum, Gabrielle Skript, Addison Woods, Taylor Eversole, Hayley Whitman, Tara McClure, Taylor Hamilton. Coaches: Jamie Winkfein, Sidney Hubbard, Christy Jones.

NORTH LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Alex Blair, Bailie Camp, Taylor Forbes, Brittney Hodges, Ashley Hollin, Destiny Inman, Ally James, Kayla Johnson, Mercedes Lester, Whitney Lawson, Lindsey Lewis, Kelsey Maggard, Mackenzie Martin, Brittany Moore, Ashley Partin, Sarah Pennington, Laura Robinson, Jenny Tillery, Gabrielle Woods. Coaches: Kim Wood, Toni Blake Greer.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY'S 13,000TH VOTE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise to honor Senator PATRICK LEAHY on the occasion of his 13,000th vote.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee under Senator LEAHY's leadership for more than 10 years. The Judiciary Committee is one of the original standing committees of the U.S. Senate and its role is unique. It is the Judiciary Committee's special charge to ensure that we remain faithful to our Founders' vision of America as a nation of laws.

As chairman of the Judiciary Committee, PATRICK LEAHY takes this responsibility very seriously and he has continually demonstrated his fidelity to the rule of law. Chairman LEAHY has repeatedly risen in defense of our fundamental constitutional rights, even when it is not politically popular.

He particularly distinguished himself in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist