

3.4 Swearing in of Witnesses.—Witnesses in committee or subcommittee hearings may be required to give testimony under oath whenever the Chairman or ranking minority member of the committee or subcommittee deems such to be necessary.

3.5 Limitation.—Each member shall be limited to 5 minutes in the questioning of any witness until such time as all members who so desire have had an opportunity to question a witness. Questions from members shall rotate from majority to minority members in order of seniority or in order of arrival at the hearing.

RULE 4—NOMINATIONS

4.1 Assignment.—All nominations shall be considered by the full committee.

4.2 Standards.—In considering a nomination, the committee shall inquire into the nominee's experience, qualifications, suitability, and integrity to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated.

4.3 Information.—Each nominee shall submit in response to questions prepared by the committee the following information:

(1) A detailed biographical resume which contains information relating to education, employment, and achievements;

(2) Financial information, including a financial statement which lists assets and liabilities of the nominee; and

(3) Copies of other relevant documents requested by the committee. Information received pursuant to this subsection shall be available for public inspection except as specifically designated confidential by the committee.

4.4 Hearings.—The committee shall conduct a public hearing during which the nominee shall be called to testify under oath on all matters relating to his or her suitability for office. No hearing shall be held until at least 48 hours after the nominee has responded to a prehearing questionnaire submitted by the committee.

4.5 Action on Confirmation.—A business meeting to consider a nomination shall not occur on the same day that the hearing on the nominee is held. The Chairman, with the agreement of the ranking minority member, may waive this requirement.

RULE 5—QUORUMS

5.1 Testimony.—For the purpose of receiving evidence, the swearing of witnesses, and the taking of sworn or unsworn testimony at any duly scheduled hearing, a quorum of the committee and the subcommittee thereof shall consist of one member.

5.2 Business.—A quorum for the transaction of committee or subcommittee business, other than for reporting a measure or recommendation to the Senate or the taking of testimony, shall consist of one-third of the members of the committee or subcommittee, including at least one member from each party.

5.3 Reporting.—A majority of the membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum for reporting bills, nominations, matters, or recommendations to the Senate. No measure or recommendation shall be ordered reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee members are physically present. The vote of the committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of those members who are physically present at the time the vote is taken.

RULE 6—VOTING

6.1 Rollcalls.—A roll call vote of the members shall be taken upon the request of any member.

6.2 Proxies.—Voting by proxy as authorized by the Senate rules for specific bills or subjects shall be allowed whenever a quorum of the committee is actually present.

6.3 Polling.—The committee may poll any matters of committee business, other than a vote on reporting to the Senate any measures, matters or recommendations or a vote on closing a meeting or hearing to the public, provided that every member is polled and every poll consists of the following two questions:

(1) Do you agree or disagree to poll the proposal; and

(2) Do you favor or oppose the proposal.

If any member requests, any matter to be polled shall be held for meeting rather than being polled. The chief clerk of the committee shall keep a record of all polls.

RULE 7—SUBCOMMITTEES

7.1 Assignments.—To assure the equitable assignment of members to subcommittees, no member of the committee will receive assignment to a second subcommittee until, in order of seniority, all members of the committee have chosen assignments to one subcommittee, and no member shall receive assignment to a third subcommittee until, in order of seniority, all members have chosen assignments to two subcommittees.

7.2 Attendance.—Any member of the committee may sit with any subcommittee during a hearing or meeting but shall not have the authority to vote on any matter before the subcommittee unless he or she is a member of such subcommittee.

7.3 Ex Officio Members.—The Chairman and ranking minority member shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members. The Chairman and ranking minority member may not be counted toward a quorum.

7.4 Scheduling.—No subcommittee may schedule a meeting or hearing at a time designated for a hearing or meeting of the full committee. No more than one subcommittee business meeting may be held at the same time.

7.5 Discharge.—Should a subcommittee fail to report back to the full committee on any measure within a reasonable time, the Chairman may withdraw the measure from such subcommittee and report that fact to the full committee for further disposition. The full committee may at any time, by majority vote of those members present, discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

7.6 Application of Committee Rules to Subcommittees.—The proceedings of each subcommittee shall be governed by the rules of the full committee, subject to such authorizations or limitations as the committee may from time to time prescribe.

RULE 8—INVESTIGATIONS, SUBPOENAS AND DEPOSITIONS

8.1 Investigations.—Any investigation undertaken by the committee or a subcommittee in which depositions are taken or subpoenas issued, must be authorized by a majority of the members of the committee voting for approval to conduct such investigation at a business meeting of the committee convened in accordance with Rule 1.

8.2 Subpoenas.—The Chairman, with the approval of the ranking minority member of the committee, is delegated the authority to subpoena the attendance of witnesses or the production of memoranda, documents, records, or any other materials at a hearing of the committee or a subcommittee or in connection with the conduct of an investigation authorized in accordance with paragraph 8.1. The Chairman may subpoena attendance or production without the approval of the ranking minority member when the Chairman has not received notification from the ranking minority member of disapproval of the subpoena within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, of being notified of

the subpoena. If a subpoena is disapproved by the ranking minority member as provided in this paragraph the subpoena may be authorized by vote of the members of the committee. When the committee or Chairman authorizes subpoenas, subpoenas may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or any other member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

8.3 Notice for Taking Depositions.—Notices for the taking of depositions, in an investigation authorized by the committee, shall be authorized and be issued by the Chairman or by a staff officer designated by him. Such notices shall specify a time and place for examination, and the name of the Senator, staff officer or officers who will take the deposition. Unless otherwise specified, the deposition shall be in private. The committee shall not initiate procedures leading to criminal or civil enforcement proceedings for a witness' failure to appear unless the deposition notice was accompanied by a committee subpoena.

8.4 Procedure for Taking Depositions.—Witnesses shall be examined upon oath administered by an individual authorized by local law to administer oaths. The Chairman will rule, by telephone or otherwise, on any objection by a witness. The transcript of a deposition shall be filed with the committee clerk.

RULE 9—AMENDING THE RULES

These rules shall become effective upon publication in the Congressional Record. These rules may be modified, amended, or repealed by the committee, provided that all members are present or provide proxies or if a notice in writing of the proposed changes has been given to each member at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which action thereon is to be taken. The changes shall become effective immediately upon publication of the changed rule or rules in the Congressional Record, or immediately upon approval of the changes if so resolved by the committee as long as any witnesses who may be affected by the change in rules are provided with them.

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Environment and Public Works Committee Rules of Procedure, approved in the Committee Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

EPW COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE 1. COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN GENERAL

(a) Regular Meeting Days: For purposes of complying with paragraph 3 of Senate Rule XXVI, the regular meeting day of the Committee is the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. If there is no business before the committee, the regular meeting shall be omitted.

(b) The Committee Chairman (Chair) may call additional meetings, after consulting with the Ranking Minority Member. Subcommittee chairs may call meetings, with the concurrence of the Chair, after consulting with the ranking minority members of the subcommittee and the Committee.

(c) Presiding Officer:

(1) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. If the Chair is not present, the ranking member of the majority party who is present shall preside at that meeting.

(2) Subcommittee Chairs shall preside at all meetings of their subcommittees. If the Subcommittee Chair is not present, the ranking member of the majority party who is present of the subcommittee shall preside at that meeting.

(3) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by paragraphs (1) and (2), any member of the Committee may preside at a hearing as designated by the Chair or presiding officer.

(d) Open Meetings: Meetings of the Committee and subcommittees, including hearings and business meetings, are open to the public. A portion of a meeting may be closed to the public if the Committee determines by roll call vote of a majority of the members present that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken—

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

(2) relate solely to matters of Committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure; or

(3) constitute any other grounds for closure under paragraph 5(b) of Senate Rule XXVI.

(e) Broadcasting:

(1) Public meetings of the Committee or a subcommittee may be televised, broadcast, or recorded by a member of the Senate press gallery or a Senate employee.

(2) Any member of the Senate Press Gallery, or any Senate employee, wishing to televise, broadcast, or record a Committee or subcommittee meeting must notify the Majority Staff Director or the Majority Staff Director's designee by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

(3) During public meetings, any person using a camera, microphone, or other electronic equipment may not position or use the equipment in a way that interferes with the seating, vision, or hearing of Committee members or staff on the dais, or with the orderly process of the meeting.

RULE 2. QUORUMS

(a) Business Meetings: At Committee business meetings, and for the purpose of approving the issuance of a subpoena by a vote of the Committee or approving a Committee resolution, seven members of the Committee, at least two of whom are members of the minority party, constitute a quorum, except as provided in subsection (d).

(b) Subcommittee Meetings: At subcommittee business meetings, a majority of the subcommittee members, at least one of whom is a member of the minority party, constitutes a quorum for conducting business.

(c) Continuing Quorum: Once a quorum as prescribed in subsections (a) and (b) has been established, the Committee or Subcommittee may continue to conduct business.

(d) Reporting: No measure or matter may be reported to the Senate by the Committee, unless a majority of committee members cast votes in person.

(e) Hearings: One member constitutes a quorum for conducting a hearing.

RULE 3. HEARINGS

(a) Announcements: Before the Committee or a subcommittee holds a hearing, the Chair or Subcommittee Chair shall make a public announcement and provide notice to members of the date, place, time, and subject matter of the hearing. The announcement and notice shall be issued at least one week in advance of the hearing, unless the Chair or Subcommittee Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or Subcommittee, determines that there is good cause to provide a shorter period, in which event the announcement

and notice shall be issued at least twenty-four hours in advance of the hearing.

(b) Statements of Witnesses:

(1) A witness who is scheduled to testify at a hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee shall submit the written testimony by electronic mail at least 48 hours before the hearing. If a witness fails to comply with this requirement, the presiding officer may preclude the witness' testimony. This rule may be waived for field hearings, except for witnesses from the Federal Government.

(2) Any witness planning to use any exhibit such as a chart, graph, diagram, photo, map, slide, video, or model must submit by electronic mail, an attachment or link to download, an identical copy of each exhibit (or representation of the exhibit in the case of a model) at least 48 hours before the hearing. Any exhibit described above that is not provided to the Committee at least 48 hours prior to the hearing cannot be used for purpose of presenting testimony to the Committee and will not be included in the hearing record.

(3) The presiding officer at a hearing may have a witness confine the oral presentation to a summary of the written testimony.

(4) Notwithstanding a request that a document be embargoed, any document that is to be discussed at a hearing, including, but not limited to, those produced by the General Accounting Office, Congressional Budget Office, Congressional Research Service, a Federal agency, an Inspector General, or a non-governmental entity, shall be provided to all members of the committee at least 72 hours before the hearing.

(c) Sworn Testimony: Witnesses in Committee or subcommittee hearings shall be required to give testimony under oath at all nomination, oversight, investigative, and budget hearings. Witnesses at other Committee or subcommittee hearings may be required to give testimony under oath at the discretion of the Chair or Ranking Minority Member. If any witness at a hearing is required to testify under oath, all witnesses at that hearing shall be required to testify under oath.

(d) Transcripts: Transcripts shall be kept of each hearing of the Committee and each subcommittee.

RULE 4. BUSINESS MEETINGS: NOTICE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

(a) Notice: The Chair or Subcommittee Chair shall provide notice, the agenda of business to be discussed, and the text of agenda items to members of the Committee or subcommittee at least 72 hours before a business meeting. If the 72 hours falls over a weekend, all materials will be provided by close of business on Friday.

(b) Amendments: First-degree amendments must be filed with the Chair or the Subcommittee Chair at least 24 hours before a business meeting. After the filing deadline, the Chair or Subcommittee Chair shall promptly distribute all filed amendments to the members of the Committee or subcommittee.

(c) Modifications: The Chair or Subcommittee Chair may modify the notice and filing requirements to meet special circumstances, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or subcommittee.

RULE 5. BUSINESS MEETINGS

(a) Proxy Voting:

(1) Proxy voting is allowed on all measures, amendments, resolutions, or other matters before the committee or a subcommittee, subject to Rule 2(d).

(2) A member who is unable to attend a business meeting may submit a proxy vote on any matter, in writing, orally, or through personal instructions.

(3) A proxy given in writing is valid until revoked. A proxy given orally or by personal instructions is valid only on the day given.

(b) Late Voting: Members who were not present at a business meeting and were unable to cast their votes by proxy may record their votes later, so long as they do so that same business day and their vote does not change the outcome.

(c) Public Announcement:

(1) Whenever the committee conducts a rollcall vote, the chair shall announce the results of the vote, including a tabulation of the votes cast in favor and the votes cast against the proposition by each member of the committee.

(2) Whenever the committee reports any measure or matter by rollcall vote, the report shall include a tabulation of the votes cast in favor of and the votes cast in opposition to the measure or matter by each member of the committee.

(d) Transcripts: A transcript shall be kept of each business meeting of the Committee, unless a majority of all members of the Committee or subcommittee agree that some other form of permanent record is preferable.

RULE 6. SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Regularly Established Subcommittees: The committee has four subcommittees: Transportation and Infrastructure; Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Innovation and Safety; Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight; and Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife.

(b) Membership: The Chair, after consulting with the Ranking Minority Member, shall select members of the subcommittees.

RULE 7. STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES AND OTHER MATTERS

(a) Environmental Impact Statements: No project or legislation proposed by any executive branch agency may be approved, or otherwise acted upon, unless the committee has received a final environmental impact statement relative to it, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, and the written comments of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in accordance with section 309 of the Clean Air Act. This rule does not modify the class of projects or legislative proposals for which environmental impact statements are required under section 102(2)(C).

(b) Project Approvals:

(1) Whenever the Committee authorizes a project under: Public Law 89-298, the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965, as amended; Public Law 83-566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended; or Public Law 86-249, the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended; the Chair shall submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and the Committee shall publish periodically as a committee print, a report that describes the project and the reasons for its approval, together with any dissenting or individual views.

(2) Proponents of a committee resolution shall submit appropriate supporting evidence.

(c) Building Prospectuses:

(1) When the General Services Administration submits a prospectus, pursuant to section 7(a) of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended, for construction (including construction of buildings for lease by the government), alteration and repair, or acquisition, the Committee shall act with respect to the prospectus during the same session of Congress in which the prospectus is submitted. A prospectus rejected by majority vote of the Committee, or not reported to the Senate during the session in which it was submitted, shall be returned to the General

Services Administration and must be resubmitted in order to be considered by the Committee during the next session of Congress.

(2) A report of a building project survey submitted by the General Services Administration to the committee under section 11(b) of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended, may not be considered by the committee as being a prospectus subject to approval by committee resolution in accordance with section 7(a) of that Act. A project described in the report may be considered for committee action only if it is submitted as a prospectus in accordance with section 7(a) and is subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this rule.

(d) Naming Public Facilities: The Committee may not name a building, structure or facility for any living person, except: former Presidents or former Vice Presidents of the United States; former Members of Congress over 70 years of age; former Justices of the United States Supreme Court over 70 years of age; or Federal judges over 75 years of age who are fully retired or have taken senior status.

RULE 8. SUBPOENAS

The Chair, with the agreement of the Ranking Minority Member or by a vote of the Committee, may subpoena the attendance of a witness at a hearing or deposition, or the production of memoranda, documents, records, or any other materials.

RULE 9. AMENDING THE RULES

The rules may be amended or suspended by vote of a majority of committee members at a business meeting, if a quorum is present.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CARL WESLEY MOORE

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and commemorate the extraordinary life of Carl Wesley Moore, who sadly passed away on January 27, 2025. Carl was a dedicated family man, a devoted man of faith, and a proud veteran who honorably served his country.

Born on February 10, 1960, Carl grew up in Chicago, IL, where he attended Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Chicago Vocational High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. After his service, Carl pursued his passion for theology, earning degrees in biblical studies and theology from the Chicagoland Christian Center Bible Institute, as well as many academic awards for excellence and leadership.

Carl had a deep devotion to his faith. He was baptized at the Third Baptist Church in Chicago and later attended the First Corinthian Church and Chicagoland Christian Center, where he served as a deacon for over 5 years. He could quote scripture effortlessly, often engaging family and friends in Bible trivia, and would sing "Order My Steps in your World" every day.

Carl was also a technology expert. He worked as an operations analyst and computer hardware engineer at the Chicago Stock Exchange for 25 years. Carl had a huge heart and was always willing to help anyone needing computer repairs.

He was a loving family man and a constant reminder that family is the

most important thing in life. Carl had an enduring partnership with his best friend and the love of his life Lawanda, with whom he shared a beautiful daughter Corionna and bonus daughter Sierra. His sisters, my dear friend Minyon and Diane, stood close by Carl during his hospital and long-term healthcare facility stays and provided a great deal of comfort to him through their caregiving.

Carl was always grateful for his family's strong, loving bond. He is survived by Lawanda, daughter Corionna Moore-Clayton, Matthew, bonus daughter Sierra Williams, Jerome, stepdaughter Shawna Howard, uncle Dennis Moore, sisters Diane Cottrell, Warren, and Minyon Moore, grandchildren London, Layla, Legend, and Lyric, nephew Christopher, Jamille, great-nephew Xavier, aunt Loretta, cousins LaShonn, Trizel, Dennis Jr., Shahari, Devin, and Devin Jr., along with many other friends and extended family.

Carl's passing at the age of 64 marks the end of a life filled with love, passion, and dedication. His legacy lives on through his family, friends, and the countless lives he touched.

I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Carl Wesley Moore for his unwavering love and his lifelong commitment to his family and faith. His story is one of love and compassion that we can all strive towards.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFF HILBORN

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Jeff Hilborn, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in radio broadcasting.

For more than 30 years, anyone who has tuned in to a radio station in the Brainerd Lakes area has benefited from Jeff's behind-the-scenes work, even if they have never heard his voice.

Jeff is proud of his North Dakota roots, but after he moved to Brainerd, Minnesota became his home. He started out at KLIZ-FM-The Power Loon, and for years, he has managed Hubbard Broadcasting's entire six radio station group that also includes WJYY-FM, KBLB-FM, KULO-FM, KVBR-AM, and KLIZ-AM.

Jeff is known for his integrity, for being candid and kind. Under his leadership, WJYY-FM won five National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Crystal Radio Awards for community service, earning the station the NAB Crystal Heritage Award next month. Jeff is an enthusiastic supporter of Hubbard's annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse, raising over a million dollars for Morrison, Cass, Aitkin, and Crow Wing Counties.

Jeff's contributions to the community go beyond the radio. He served on the board of directors for the Brainerd Sports Boosters and the Sunrise Sertoma Club. He was a committee member for the Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Destination Downtown initiative and served on the

boards of directors for the Minnesota Broadcasters Association and Randall State Bank, and as a council member for First Lutheran Church.

So today, I celebrate Jeff Hilborn's long career and contributions to Brainerd Lakes.

Jeff, we have been lucky to have you enlivening the airwaves in Minnesota for so many years. Our State and country are better because of you. I wish you all the best.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 42. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 226. An act to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

H.R. 776. An act to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003.

H.R. 835. An act to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Minority Leader reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. Nichelle D. Schoultz of Bethesda, Maryland.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 226. An act to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 776. An act to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 835. An act to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: