

AUTHORIZING BIENNIAL EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES
OF THE SENATE

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Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 54]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the following Senate Resolutions: 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, reports, in lieu thereof, an original resolution, incorporating the provisions of the foregoing resolutions and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Since 1989, this Committee has adopted a biennial funding authorization for committees of the Senate. This policy has received strong support from the various committee chairmen and ranking members. The recommendation before the Rules Committee retains that policy for the 1997–1998 funding period.

The total funding target for the 1997–1998 Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution is to be funded at 100 percent of the 1996 recurring budget authority which was funded in S. Res. 73, 104th Congress. To the 1997 salary baseline, there is added a 2.8 percent Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) for January and February 1998.

The salary baseline for 1998 is increased by 2.8 percent over the 1997 salary baseline. In addition, there is also a 2.6 percent COLA for January and February 1999.

It is the intent of the Committee on Rules and Administration that amounts included in the various committee budgets for COLAs in January and February 1998 and 1999 shall be used only for COLAs authorized by the order of the President pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 60a–1.

The Rules Committee has authorized the use of unexpended funds in some form since 1989. In 1991, this committee informed Senate committees in Senate Report 102–15, and during the debate

of that resolution that the policy being adopted would permit committees to retain 50 percent of their unexpended funds as of February 28, 1993, to cover non-recurring needs that enhance efficiency in the committee. When S. Res. 71, the omnibus committee funding resolution for the 103d Congress, was considered by the Senate, it was amended to contain language that no Committee of the Senate may carry over an unexpended balance beyond March 1, 1995. The resolution reported herewith does not permit committees to carry forward funds but does continue to provide a special reserve into which the unexpended balances of the committees will be transferred after obligations incurred during the funding period ending on the last day of February, 1997 have been paid.

The purpose of this special reserve is to fund special, unanticipated, non-recurring needs of committees and may be granted to such committees whose Chairman and Ranking Member submit a request for approval from the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration. No requests by any committee for non-recurring funds are included in this resolution, nor have any Committees been allowed to use non-authorized non-recurring funding from the 104th Congress as part of the base for calculating this biennial funding reduction.

This budget continues to hold the line on committee spending. The total number of full-time committee employees in 1997 will be reduced from the number in 1996, which itself is still less than authorized in 1980. The number of employees authorized by this resolution totals 924—a 2.5 percent reduction or 23 staff. On a deflated basis, the total authorized dollar value in 1997–1998 for Senate committees will be less than in 1980.

In conclusion, the recommendations contained in this resolution maintain a freeze and demonstrate the resolve that this Committee has in holding down committee spending. It is one that should be adopted by the full Senate.

Sec. 3—Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,708,179
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,746,459
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,747,544
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,792,747

	1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,626,742	\$1,626,742
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	7,592	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	45,549
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	7,246
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	113,210	113,210
Total funds authorized	1,747,544	1,792,747

Sec. 4—Committee on Appropriations

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$4,823,586
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	4,931,401
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,953,132
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	5,082,521

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$4,656,401	\$4,656,401
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	21,731	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	130,379
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	20,741
Consultants	175,000	175,000
Training	5,000	5,000
Administrative expenses	95,000	95,000
Total funds authorized	4,953,132	5,082,521

Sec. 5—Committee on Armed Services

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,641,704
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,702,669
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,704,397
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,776,389

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,590,811	\$2,590,811
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	12,091	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	72,543
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	11,540
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	101,495	101,495
Total funds authorized	2,704,397	2,776,389

Sec. 6—Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,788,802
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,851,936
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,853,725
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,928,278

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,682,961	\$2,682,961
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	12,521	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	75,123
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	11,951
Consultants	20,000	20,000
Training	850	850
Administrative expenses	137,393	137,393
Total funds authorized	2,853,725	2,928,278

Sec. 7—Committee on the Budget

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 71	\$3,032,295
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	3,103,181
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,105,190
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,188,897

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$3,012,413	\$3,012,413
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	14,059	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	84,348

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	13,418
Consultants		
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	78,718	78,718
Total funds authorized	3,105,190	3,188,897

Sec. 8—Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$3,369,312
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	3,445,845
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,448,034
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,539,226

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$3,281,779	\$3,281,779
Jan/Feb COLA	15,316	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	91,890
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	14,618
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expense	150,939	150,939
Total funds authorized	3,448,034	3,539,226

Sec. 9—Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,579,566
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,636,292
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,637,966
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,707,696

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,509,402	\$2,509,402
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	11,711	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	70,263
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	11,178
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	116,853	116,853
Total funds authorized	2,637,966	2,707,696

Sec. 10—Committee on Environment and Public Works

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,376,346
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,430,379
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,431,871
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,494,014

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,236,370	\$2,236,370
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	10,437	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	62,618
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	9,962
Consultants	8,000	8,000
Training	2,000	2,000

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Administrative expenses	175,064	175,064
Total funds authorized	2,431,871	2,494,014

Sec. 11—Committee on Finance

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,960,173
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	3,026,449
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,028,328
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	3,106,591

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,816,516	\$2,816,516
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	13,145	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	78,862
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	12,546
Consultants	30,000	30,000
Training	10,000	10,000
Administrative expenses	158,667	158,667
Total funds authorized	3,028,328	3,106,591

Sec. 12—Committee on Foreign Relations

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,647,720
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,708,841
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,710,573
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,782,749

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,597,439	2,597,439
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	12,122	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	72,728
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	11,570
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	101,012	101,012
Total funds authorized	2,710,573	2,782,749

Sec. 13—Committee on Governmental Affairs

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$4,429,312
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	4,530,725
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,533,600
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,653,386

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$4,310,790	\$4,310,790
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	20,118	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	120,702
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	19,202
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	202,692	202,692
Total funds authorized	4,533,600	4,653,386

Sec. 14—Committee on the Judiciary

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$4,260,450
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	4,359,828
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,362,646
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,480,028

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$4,224,305	\$4,224,305
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	19,715	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	118,281
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	18,816
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	118,626	118,626
Total funds authorized	4,362,646	4,480,028

Sec. 15—Committee on Labor and Human Resources

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$4,018,406
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	4,111,256
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,113,888
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	4,223,533

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$3,907,642	\$3,907,642
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	18,236	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	110,469
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	17,412
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	188,010	188,010
Total funds authorized	4,113,888	4,223,533

Sec. 16—Committee on Rules and Administration

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,309,439
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,340,234
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,339,106
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,375,472

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,308,670	\$1,308,670
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	6,107	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	36,643
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	5,830
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	24,329	24,329
Total funds authorized	1,339,106	1,375,472

Sec. 17—Committee on Small Business

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,059,861
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,083,793
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,084,471
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,112,732

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,017,031	\$1,017,031
Jan/Feb COLA	4,746	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	28,477
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	4,530
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	62,694	62,694
Total funds authorized	1,084,471	1,112,732

Sec. 18—Committee on Veterans Affairs

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,097,451
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,122,714
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,123,430
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,153,263

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,073,599	\$1,073,599
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	5,010	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	30,061
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	4,782
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	44,821	44,821
Total funds authorized	1,123,430	1,153,263

Sec. 19—Special Committee on Aging

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,108,255
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,132,974
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,133,674
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,162,865

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,050,472	\$1,050,472
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	4,902	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	29,413
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	4,690
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	78,300	78,300
Total funds authorized	1,133,674	1,162,865

Sec. 20—Select Committee on Intelligence

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$2,064,860
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	2,113,120
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,114,489
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	2,171,507

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$2,051,975	\$2,051,975
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	9,577	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	57,455

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	9,140
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	52,937	52,937
Total funds authorized	2,114,489	2,171,507

Sec. 21—Committee on Indian Affairs

1995 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	\$1,119,088
1996 funds authorized by S. Res. 73	1,143,036
1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,143,715
1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54	1,171,994

	1997 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54	1998 funds au- thorized by S. Res. 54
Salary baseline	\$1,017,712	\$1,017,712
Jan/Feb 98 COLA	4750	0
Jan/Feb 98 COLA annualized	0	28,496
Jan/Feb 99 COLA	0	4,533
Consultants	0	0
Training	0	0
Administrative expenses	121,253	121,253
Total funds authorized	1,143,715	1,171,994

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Rules and Administration held hearings on February 4, 5, and 6, 1997, to receive testimony from chairmen and ranking minority members of Senate Committees on their committee funding requests for the funding period March 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998, and for the funding period March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999. The Committee then held a markup on February 12, 1997, and reported an original resolution authorizing biennial expenditures by the committees of the Senate. This “omnibus” biennial funding resolution in the amount of \$50,569,779 for 1997 and \$51,903,888 for 1998 was reported in lieu of the following resolutions which were reported by the Senate committees in conformance with paragraph 9 of Rule XXVI and referred to the Rules Committee: Senate Resolutions 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46.

The total funding target for the 1997–1998 Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution is to be funded at 100 percent of the 1996 recurring budget authority which was funded in S. Res. 73, 104th Congress. To the 1997 salary baseline, there is added a 2.8 percent Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) for January and February, 1998.

The salary baseline for 1998 is increased by 2.8 percent over the 1997 salary baseline. In addition, there is also a 2.6 percent COLA for January and February 1999.

The Rules Committee budget request for 1997 and 1998 came in under guidelines. The following 14 committees adhered to the guidelines promulgated by the Rules Committee: Agriculture, Appropriations, Armed Services, Banking, Budget, Commerce, En-

ergy, Environment, Foreign Relations, Indian Affairs, Judiciary, Labor, Small Business, and Aging.

Committees requesting funds in excess of these guidelines either on a recurring or non-recurring basis were directed to include as part of their budget submission a full justification for such exception.

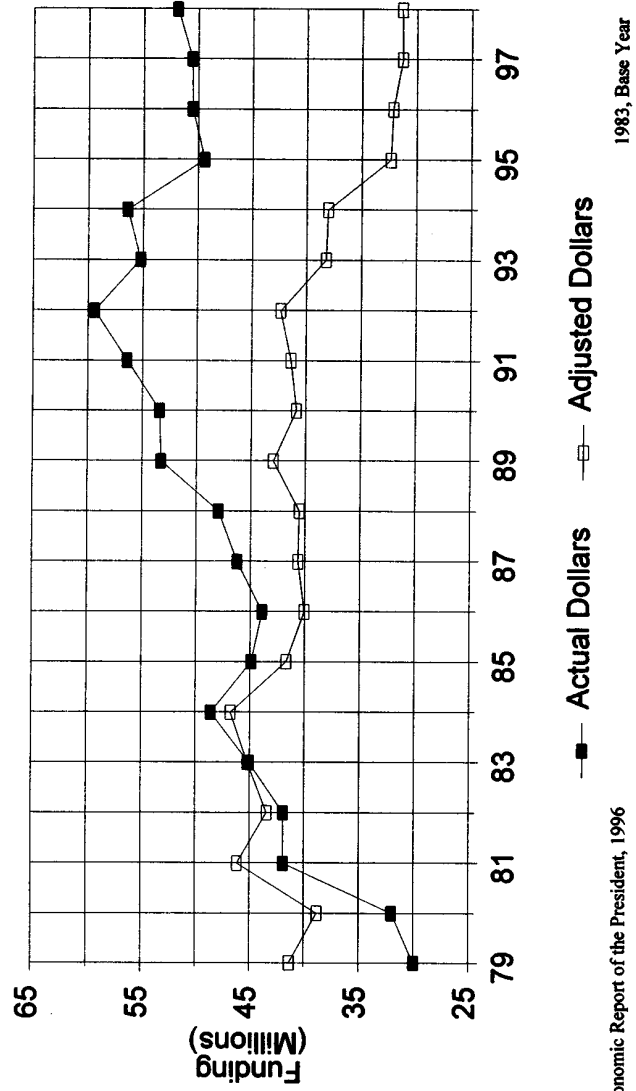
Accordingly, the Finance Committee submitted a request for additional non-recurring funds during 1997 and 1998 in the amount of \$611,136 to hire four investigators to examine abuses in the I.R.S. The Governmental Affairs Committee submitted a request for recurring funds that followed guidelines but in addition, submitted a non-recurring request for 1997 of \$6,517,121 to hire 80 staff to investigate foreign campaign contributions and fund raising activities in the 1996 Presidential campaign. The Veterans' Affairs Committee submitted a request for recurring funds that followed guidelines but, in addition, submitted a non-recurring request for 1997 of \$1,653,020 to hire 20 staff to investigate the Persian Gulf War Syndrome. The Select Committee on Intelligence submitted a request for additional non-recurring funds during 1997 and 1998 in the amount of \$794,222 to hire six professional staff members in order to improve the liaison relationship with all of their current Members as well as support their increased membership.

At the markup on February 12, 1997, the Rules Committee recommended that all committee recurring funding for 1997 and 1998 be reported at the prescribed guidelines.

For those committees which submitted requests that did not adhere to guidelines the Committee agreed to consider their needs at a future date.

Committee Funding 1979-1998

Adjusted for Inflation

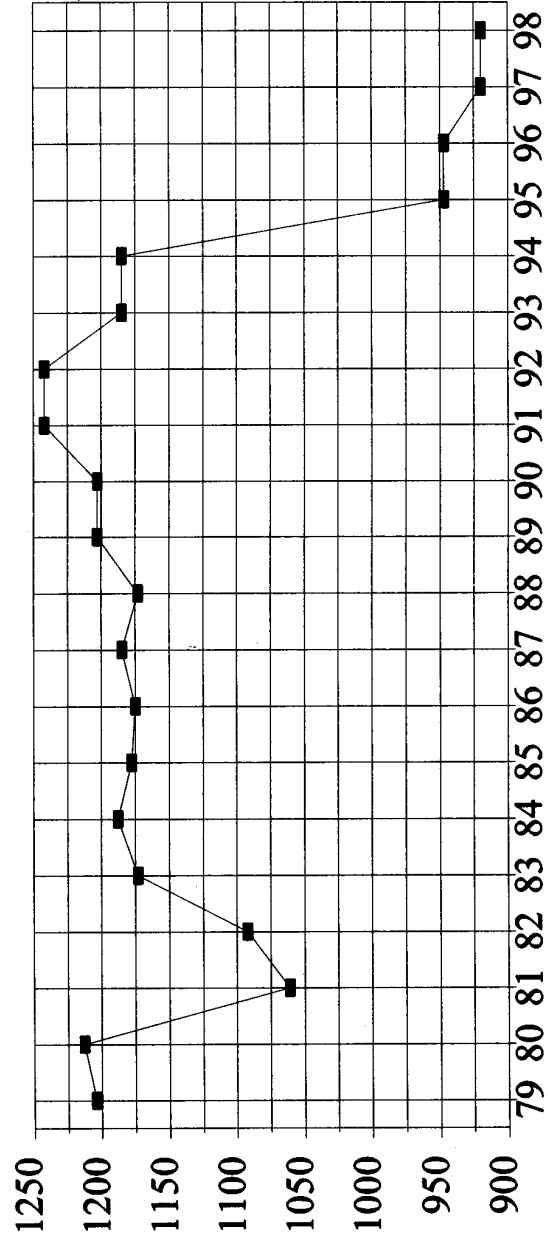


Economic Report of the President, 1996

1983, Base Year

Committee Staffing Authority

1979-1998



COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

It is the intent of the Committee on Rules and Administration that amounts included in the various committee budgets for COLAs in January and February 1998 and 1999 shall be used only for COLAs authorized by the order of the President pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to section 4 of the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (2 U.S.C. 60a-1). If the President pro tempore does not authorize the COLAs for 1998 and 1999, funds authorized for that purpose by this resolution may not be expended.

STATIONERY ROOM EXPENSES

Effective March 1, 1988, under the provision of Section 2(c)(3) of S. Res. 381, agreed to February 26, 1988, expenses are certified and paid in the same manner as official long distance phone calls for Senate committees. This change has brought committee procedure in conformity with the certification and payment process now in effect for Members' personal offices.

This method of payment only permits the certification of authorized purchases of official office supplies that would be in order for approval if vouchered separately.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Pursuant to section 10 of Pub.L. 101-520, 101st Congress, 2nd Session, committees funded by this resolution are granted the authority to send official mail, other than franked mail, through the Senate post office and to have the cost of such mail charged to their official office expenses accounts in a manner similar to the purchase of supplies from the Senate stationery store. Therefore, vouchers will not be required for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate. The principal category of mail for which this authority is established is express mail, but it may be used for any postal services available from the Senate post office.

The 60-day pre-election moratorium on mass mailings does not apply to a committee when such mass mailings are mailed under the frank of the chairman and relate to the normal and regular business of the committee.

METERED CHARGES FOR COPYING EQUIPMENT

To reduce paperwork and expedite payments, the Sergeant at Arms has requested that vouchers not be required for the payment of metered charges for copying equipment. Expenses associated with metered charges for copying equipment will be certified and paid in the same manner as official long distance phone calls for Senate committees. This charge has brought committee procedure in conformity with the certification and payment process now in effect for Members' personal offices authorized by section 4 of Pub.L. 101-520, 101st Congress, second session, (2 U.S.C. 58(a), as amended).

SENATE RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

In accordance with 2 U.S.C. 123b and the regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration on June 17, 1992, official expenses incurred by a committee at the Senate Re-

coding and Photographic Studios may be certified and paid in the same manner as stationery supplies purchased from the Senate Stationery Room. "Official expenses" has the meaning given to it by Interpretative Ruling No. 442, issued April 15, 1992, by the Select Committee on Ethics.

PRINTING AND BINDING

Committee expenditures for printing and binding continue to be a substantial cost to the Senate. Such costs include both the costs of printing the documents, and the costs of preparing the manuscripts by GPO's detailed personnel. Although printing and binding funds are not included in individual committee budgets, wise use of the funds provided through Legislative Branch Appropriations is a serious concern to the Rules Committee.

The small increase in printing and binding costs observed from the 103d to the 104th Congress reflects the effect of an increase granted to GPO in the rates billed to Congress for document printing and detailed personnel, the first such increase in several years. Continued efforts by committees to effect efficiencies in their printing operations have helped to offset the impact of this rate increase on overall costs.

Overtime charges incurred by committees who have GPO detail printers have been reduced from \$628,616 in the 102d Congress to \$427,269 in the 104th Congress, a reduction of 32 percent. This committee recognizes those committees who have brought about this savings through positive efforts to assure that their printers' time is being used in the most efficient manner.

Nevertheless, the extraordinary cost of overtime charges is of continuing concern to this committee. We especially urge those committees who incur overtime charges on a continuing basis to evaluate their printing operations, with an eye to minimizing printer's overtime except on a temporary basis when the extraordinary cost can be justified by the need for timely delivery of the committee's legislative papers.

It is the intent of this committee that Senate committees adhere strictly to the provisions of Title 44 governing the printing and binding of documents.

A committee may not procure more than 300 copies of a hearing or other document germane thereto except as authorized by 44 U.S.C. 703. That section provides that extra copies not exceeding \$700 in cost may be obtained upon an order of the Joint Committee on Printing; extra copies at a cost of \$700 to \$1,200 must be authorized by simple resolution of the Senate; and cost exceeding \$1,200 requires approval of both houses of Congress upon concurrent or joint resolution. Such resolutions requesting printing are referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

"Extra copies" means additional numbers ordered at the time of original printing. Reprinting a document at a later time must be treated as a new publication.

PRINTING AND BINDING—1993-96—COMMITTEES

[In whole dollars]

	1993	1994	Total 1993-94	Percent Total	1995	1996	Total 1995-96	Percent Total	Change 1993-94 to 1995-96	Percent change
Agriculture	85,524	40,274	125,798	1.57	28,181	128,612	156,793	1.81	30,995	24.64
Appropriations	571,069	557,457	1,128,526	14.12	608,148	599,490	1,207,638	13.96	79,112	7.01
Armed Services	142,032	185,284	327,316	4.10	152,543	130,802	283,345	3.28	(43,971)	-13.43
Banking	270,979	128,921	399,900	5.00	669,654	98,746	768,400	8.88	368,500	92.15
Budget	248,886	9,895	258,781	3.24	462,187	90,462	552,649	6.39	293,868	113.56
Commerce	158,984	143,490	302,474	3.79	109,016	270,239	379,255	4.38	76,781	25.38
Energy	187,356	120,661	308,017	3.85	257,886	195,229	453,115	5.24	145,098	47.11
Environment	225,003	428,262	653,265	8.18	121,693	323,705	445,398	5.15	(207,867)	-31.82
Finance	184,861	94,327	279,188	3.49	178,714	153,418	332,132	3.84	52,944	18.96
Foreign Relations	271,050	170,362	441,412	5.52	140,092	158,412	298,504	3.45	(142,908)	-32.38
Governmental Affairs	534,239	172,281	706,520	8.84	289,634	373,432	663,066	7.67	(43,454)	-6.15
Judiciary	553,632	169,283	722,915	9.05	241,683	419,267	660,950	7.64	(61,965)	-8.57
Labor	168,462	167,623	336,085	4.21	351,790	111,442	463,232	5.36	127,147	37.83
Rules	70,277	10,745	81,022	1.01	96,301	37,034	133,335	1.54	52,313	64.57
Small Business	78,550	83,125	161,675	2.02	125,060	100,017	225,077	2.60	63,402	39.22
Veterans	58,821	48,340	107,161	1.34	51,254	4,931	56,185	.65	(50,976)	-47.57
Aging	175,673	99,695	275,368	3.45	92,049	67,668	159,717	1.85	(115,651)	-42.00
Ethics	73,009	26,864	99,873	1.25	461,074	132,798	593,872	6.87	493,999	494.63
Indian Affairs	207,883	149,440	357,323	4.47	214,439	135,233	349,672	4.04	(7,651)	-2.14
Intelligence	240,916	51,447	292,363	3.66	78,753	28,047	106,800	1.23	(185,563)	-63.47
JCP	203,079	131,270	334,349	4.18	66,057	2,761	68,818	.80	(265,531)	-79.42
JEC	114,863	176,065	290,928	3.64	134,890	156,193	291,083	3.37	155	.05
Total	4,825,148	3,165,111	7,990,259	100.00	4,931,098	3,717,938	8,649,036	100.00	658,777	8.24

SENATE COSTS FOR PRINTING AND BINDING
[in thousands of dollars]

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1987 to 1996	Percent change
Agriculture	211	297	173	183	334	97	86	40	28	129	(82)	- 38.86
Appropriations	658	783	620	796	882	574	571	557	608	599	(59)	- 8.97
Armed Services	378	506	373	506	333	179	142	185	153	131	(247)	-65.34
Banking	327	289	297	574	599	530	271	129	670	99	(228)	-69.72
Budget	253	136	83	150	92	121	249	10	462	90	(163)	- 64.43
Commerce	564	416	343	667	259	132	159	143	109	270	(294)	-52.13
Energy	714	681	582	652	438	274	187	121	258	195	(519)	- 72.69
Environment	423	434	319	484	275	178	225	428	122	324	(99)	- 23.40
Finance	428	510	261	267	242	275	185	94	179	153	(275)	-64.25
Foreign Relations	300	358	331	419	336	314	271	170	140	158	(142)	-47.33
Government Affairs	533	602	525	866	534	433	534	172	289	373	(160)	- 30.02
Judiciary	636	182	847	611	835	622	554	169	242	419	(217)	-34.12
Labor	428	510	273	359	370	160	168	168	352	111	(317)	- 74.07
Rules	128	78	47	57	73	77	70	11	96	37	(91)	- 71.09
Small Business	133	109	99	154	81	105	79	83	125	100	(33)	-24.81
Veterans	93	129	129	148	78	73	59	48	51	5	(88)	- 94.62
Aging	204	154	136	175	259	199	176	100	92	68	(136)	-66.67
Ethics	71	34	31	312	410	55	73	27	461	133	62	87.32
Indian Affairs	95	208	296	307	259	216	208	149	214	135	40	42.11
Intelligence	50	21	41	6	21	11	241	51	79	28	(22)	-44.00
JCP	126	84	186	150	414	187	115	176	66	3	(123)	-97.62
JEC	582	334	393	403	390	235	203	131	135	156	(426)	- 73.20
Total	7,335	6,855	6,385	8,246	7,514	5,047	4,826	3,162	4,931	3,716	(3,619)	-49.34

DETAILED PRINTERS—1993–96—COMMITTEES

[In whole dollars]

	1993	1994	Total 1993–94	Percent total	1995	1996	Total 1995–96	Percent total	Change 1993–94 to 1995–96	Percent change
Agriculture	53,813	54,964	108,777	3.98	45,936	51,713	97,649	3.62	(11,128)	-10.23
Appropriations	306,438	302,798	609,236	22.27	288,539	325,755	614,294	22.78	5,058	.83
Armed Services	58,173	50,111	108,284	3.96	54,034	46,065	100,099	3.71	(8,185)	-7.56
Banking	90,875	120,388	211,263	7.72	134,404	172,059	306,463	11.36	95,200	45.06
Budget	90,231	53,892	144,123	5.27	62,273	56,043	118,316	4.39	(25,807)	-17.91
Commerce	0	0	0	0.00	50,099	79,181	129,280	4.79	129,280	9999.99
Energy	48,825	38,674	87,499	3.20	52,413	61,187	113,600	4.21	26,101	29.83
Environment	40,572	4,075	44,647	1.63	0	0	0	0.00	(44,647)	-100.00
Finance	204,861	180,150	385,011	14.07	126,261	99,799	226,060	8.38	(158,951)	-41.28
Foreign Relations	126,283	112,294	238,577	8.72	117,450	128,738	246,188	9.13	7,611	3.19
Governmental Affairs	110,055	98,154	208,209	7.61	91,481	105,516	196,997	7.30	(11,212)	-5.38
Judiciary	113,780	92,068	205,848	7.52	95,750	112,436	208,186	7.72	2,338	1.14
Labor	56,720	47,433	104,153	3.81	45,612	54,510	100,122	3.71	(4,031)	-3.87
Rules	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Small Business	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Veterans	48,797	2,523	51,320	1.88	0	0	0	0.00	(51,320)	-100.00
Aging	52,575	46,476	99,051	3.62	44,240	56,711	100,951	3.74	1,900	1.92
Ethics	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Indian Affairs	67,392	62,837	130,229	4.76	64,598	74,208	138,806	5.15	8,577	6.59
Intelligence	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
JCP	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
JEC	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	1,459,390	1,266,837	2,736,227	100.00	1,273,090	1,423,921	2,697,011	100.00	(39,216)	-1.43

SENATE COSTS FOR DETAILED PRINTERS
[In thousands of dollars]

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 to 1996	Percent Change
Agriculture	60	55	49	125	132	53	54	55	46	52	(8)	- 13.33
Appropriations	211	233	242	328	406	297	306	303	289	326	115	54.50
Armed Services	36	51	42	57	70	58	58	50	54	46	10	27.78
Banking	39	41	35	60	71	90	91	120	134	172	133	341.03
Budget	88	85	84	116	128	95	90	54	62	56	(32)	- 36.36
Commerce	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	79	9,999.99
Energy	0	0	0	5	57	47	49	39	52	61	61	9,999.99
Environment	0	0	0	0	39	46	41	4	0	0	0	0.00
Finance	164	169	172	198	298	206	205	180	126	100	(64)	- 39.02
Foreign Relations	101	108	87	113	138	112	126	112	117	129	28	27.72
Governmental Affairs	72	57	50	59	146	115	110	98	91	106	34	47.22
Judiciary	200	150	160	177	253	163	114	92	96	112	(88)	- 44.00
Labor	49	41	37	62	73	33	57	48	46	55	6	12.24
Rules	15	3	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	(15)	- 100.00
Small Business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Veterans	56	5	24	46	55	45	49	3	0	0	(56)	- 100.00
Aging	47	47	38	55	64	51	53	46	44	57	10	21.28
Ethics	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Indian Affairs	48	58	51	62	79	61	67	63	65	74	26	54.17
Intelligence	35	46	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(35)	- 100.00
JCP	170	141	198	44	111	35	0	0	0	0	(170)	- 100.00
JEC	43	39	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(43)	- 100.00
Total	1,434	1,329	1,285	1,513	2,123	1,508	1,470	1,267	1,272	1,425	(9)	- .53

DETAILED EMPLOYEES

Sections 3 through 21 of the omnibus resolution includes specific authorizing language on the use of detailed employees on either a reimbursable, or non-reimbursable, basis. This language, which has been included in the previous four biennial funding resolutions, continues the practice that permits the detail or assignment of personnel from departments or agencies of the government to the staff of a committee without reimbursement of that person's salary. The Committee on Rules and Administration intends that government employees, whose pay is disbursed by an agency of the Federal government and who is detailed or assigned to a committee under a fellowship program, must comply with Rule 27, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

In addition, S. Res. 77 (79th Congress, 1st Session) will continue to apply to the use by a committee of assigned or detailed personnel on a reimbursement basis. The prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration will be required with regard to the use of all such personnel, whether on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis pursuant to Standing Rule XXVII paragraph 4.

DETAILEES

Agency	Period begins	Period ends
COMMITTEE: AGRICULTURE		
Fiscal year 1995:		
U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service	8/21/95	11/12/95
USDA	5/01/95	12/31/95
USDA Consolidated Farm Service Agency	5/08/95	12/31/95
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	5/01/95	2/13/96
Treasury, Secret Service	3/01/95	2/28/96
USDA	2/20/96	2/28/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
U.S. Department of Interior (Fish & Wildlife)	10/07/96	1/01/97
GAO	2/01/97	2/28/97
U.S. Department of Interior	8/28/96	10/10/96
Treasury, Secret Service	3/01/96	8/31/96
USDA	3/01/96	7/20/96
COMMITTEE: APPROPRIATIONS		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Librarian of Congress	8/17/95	8/29/95
U.S. Coast Guard (Department of Transportation)	2/12/96	2/29/96
Department of Education	3/01/95	5/31/95
GAO	5/23/95	9/30/95
Department of the Army	3/01/95	10/31/95
Department of Defense, ARPA	4/03/95	12/31/95
United States Navy	7/17/95	2/29/96
Secret Service	1/08/96	2/29/96
OMB	3/01/95	9/15/95
Army National Guard	3/27/95	12/31/95
National Guard Bureau	3/01/95	12/19/95
GAO	3/01/95	7/17/95
U.S. Department of Education	5/22/95	9/30/95
U.S. Secret Service	3/01/95	12/31/95
HHS	1/25/96	2/29/96
Department of the Interior	3/01/95	12/31/95
Department of Commerce	3/01/95	10/31/95
HHS	3/01/95	2/03/96
Department of Justice	1/31/96	2/29/96
Department of Labor	3/01/95	2/29/96

DETAILEES—Continued

Agency	Period begins	Period ends
GAO	3/01/95	2/29/96
DOE	3/01/95	2/29/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Transportation	3/25/96	2/28/97
GAO	10/15/96	2/28/97
U.S. Coast Guard (Department of Transportation)	3/01/96	12/30/96
HHS/Nat. Institutes of Health	6/24/96	2/28/97
Department of the Interior	3/11/96	12/31/96
GAO	3/04/96	10/31/96
Secret Service	3/01/96	12/31/96
Agriculture (Forest Service)	2/03/97	2/28/97
Department of the Treasury	2/18/97	2/28/97
Smithsonian	3/31/96	4/09/96
HHS	3/01/96	7/25/96
GSA	2/18/97	2/28/97
Department of the Air Force	2/12/97	2/28/97
HHS	2/07/97	2/28/97
Department of Justice	3/01/96	10/31/96
Department of Labor	3/01/96	1/09/97
Department of Labor	1/10/97	2/28/97
GAO	3/01/96	10/31/96
Department of Education	3/01/96	1/06/97
COMMITTEE: ARMED SERVICES		
Fiscal year 1995:		
GAO	5/08/95	2/29/96
CIA	2/08/96	2/29/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Defense	3/28/96	5/31/96
GAO	3/01/96	12/31/96
CIA	3/01/96	12/31/96
COMMITTEE: BANKING		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Comptroller of the Currency	3/20/95	10/31/95
GAO	1/01/96	2/29/96
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency	4/03/95	10/03/95
GAO	11/01/95	3/01/96
GAO	10/27/95	3/01/96
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp	5/21/95	9/30/95
GAO	5/22/95	12/31/95
Fiscal year 1996:		
DOT/Federal Transit Administration	12/02/96	2/28/97
GAO	3/01/96	5/23/96
GAO	6/10/96	9/30/96
GAO	4/18/96	7/05/96
GAO	4/18/96	7/05/96
COMMITTEE: BUDGET		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Department of the Air Force	3/13/95	6/08/95
Department of Education	5/01/95	8/31/95
GAO	2/26/96	2/29/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Energy	10/07/96	2/28/97
GAO	3/01/96	12/31/96
COMMITTEE: COMMERCE		
Fiscal year 1995:		
ICC	10/30/95	11/30/95
COMMITTEE: ENERGY		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Department of Interior/Bureau of Land Management	8/07/95	2/29/96
Department of Interior (Park Service)	2/22/96	2/29/96
Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC)	7/06/95	2/29/96
Department of Energy	3/01/95	2/29/96

DETAILEES—Continued

Agency	Period begins	Period ends
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Interior/Land Management	3/02/96	2/28/97
Department of Interior (Park Service)	3/01/96	12/31/96
Department of Interior (Park Service)	2/07/97	2/28/97
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)	3/01/96	12/31/96
Department of Energy	3/01/96	1/03/97
Department of Interior (Bureau of Reclamation)	3/04/96	12/31/96
COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT		
Fiscal year 1995:		
U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA	3/27/95	12/31/95
Department of Commerce (NOAA)	1/03/96	2/29/96
Department of Energy	4/01/95	2/29/96
Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service	6/12/95	12/01/95
Department of the Navy	1/02/96	2/29/96
OPM	3/01/95	8/04/95
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Commerce (NOAA)	3/01/96	6/28/96
Department of Energy	3/01/96	3/31/96
Department of the Navy	3/01/96	4/30/96
COMMITTEE: FINANCE		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Internal Revenue Service	6/12/95	9/30/95
U.S. Navy	6/05/95	9/30/95
Department of Labor	4/24/95	8/04/95
GAO	9/18/95	12/29/95
HHS	9/08/95	12/31/95
IRS	10/16/95	1/31/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Treasury (Brookings Fellow)	1/27/97	2/28/97
COMMITTEE: FOREIGN RELATIONS		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Department of State	3/01/95	7/01/95
Air Force	3/01/95	2/29/96
Defense Intelligence Agency	3/01/95	8/30/95
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of State	2/04/97	2/28/97
Air Force	3/01/96	5/31/96
COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS		
Fiscal year 1995:		
GAO	3/01/95	1/22/96
Department of Air Force (AFOSI)	1/22/96	2/29/96
GAO	10/30/95	2/29/96
U.S. Customs Service	7/10/95	2/29/96
CIA	8/29/95	2/23/96
Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)	1/22/96	2/29/96
GAO	3/01/95	1/05/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Air Force (AFOSI)	3/01/96	7/01/96
GAO	3/01/96	12/20/96
U.S. Customs Service	3/01/96	7/10/96
Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)	3/01/96	7/01/96
COMMITTEE: INDIAN AFFAIRS		
Fiscal year 1996:		
HHS (Substance Abuse and Mental Health)	9/18/96	10/04/96
COMMITTEE: JUDICIARY		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Department of Energy	3/01/95	1/09/96
EPA	6/23/95	2/29/96
Department of Justice	3/01/95	1/12/96
DOD	3/01/95	2/29/96
Department of Justice	10/15/95	2/29/96

DETAILEES—Continued

Agency	Period begins	Period ends
Fiscal year 1996:		
EPA	3/01/96	2/28/97
DOD	3/01/96	8/01/96
Department of Justice	3/01/96	10/15/96
COMMITTEE: LABOR		
Fiscal year 1995:		
GAO	10/02/95	2/15/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
Department of Education	2/10/97	2/28/97
HHS (Food and Drug Administration)	8/05/96	12/16/96
COMMITTEE: VETERANS' AFFAIRS		
Fiscal year 1995:		
Department of Veterans Affairs	3/01/95	6/30/95
Department of Veterans Affairs	3/01/95	2/28/96
NASA	11/13/95	2/29/96
Department of Veterans Affairs	3/24/95	2/28/96
Fiscal year 1996:		
GAO	1/23/97	2/08/97
NASA	3/01/96	2/28/97

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Section 26 of S. Res. 71, agreed to February 25, 1993, as amended, states that in order to ensure that the funds appropriated from the Federal treasury for the operation of the United States Senate are subject to requirements similar to those imposed on funds appropriated from the Treasury for the operation of executive branch agencies or departments, in regard to the availability of appropriated funds beyond the time period for which such funds are appropriated, no committee of the Senate may carry over an unexpended balance beyond March 1, 1995.

The resolution reported herewith also includes a special reserve section for contingencies that is available to all committees based on unanticipated, non-recurring special needs, and at the request of the Chairman and Ranking Member of any such committee and with the approval of the Chairman and Ranking member of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The special reserve funds will expire on September 30, 1997.

BUDGET BASE 1997–1998

The following table is included to explain the calculation of the 1997–1998 budget recommendations.

For 1997, the guidelines authorize funds at 100 percent of the 1996 total recurring budget authority. In addition, committees could budget a 2.8 percent COLA for January and February 1998.

For 1998, the guideline is a 2.8 percent increase to the 1997 salary baseline, plus a 2.6 percent COLA for January and February 1999. The 1998 and 1999 COLA adjustment is subject to authorization by order of the President pro tempore of the Senate. If the President pro tempore does not authorize the COLAs for 1998 and 1999, funds authorized for that purpose by this resolution may not be expended.

Committee	Fiscal year 1996	Fiscal year 1997 request	Fiscal year 1997 guide- lines	Request over/ (under guide- lines)	Fiscal year 1997 rules recommenda- tion	Fiscal year 1998 request	Fiscal year 1998 guide- lines	Request over/ (under guide- lines)	Fiscal year 1998 rules recommenda- tion
Total	\$50,521,132	\$59,433,012	\$50,571,779	\$8,861,233	\$50,569,779	\$52,616,154	\$51,905,887	\$710,267	\$51,903,888
Agriculture	1,746,459	1,747,544	1,747,544	0	1,747,544	1,792,747	1,792,747	0	1,792,747
Appropriations	4,931,401	4,953,132	4,953,132	0	4,953,132	5,082,521	5,082,521	0	5,082,521
Armed Services	2,702,669	2,704,397	2,704,397	0	2,704,397	2,776,389	2,776,389	0	2,776,389
Banking	2,851,936	2,853,725	2,853,725	0	2,853,725	2,928,278	2,928,278	0	2,928,278
Budget	3,103,181	3,105,190	3,105,190	0	3,105,190	3,188,897	3,188,897	0	3,188,897
Commerce	3,445,845	3,448,034	3,448,034	0	3,448,034	3,539,226	3,539,226	0	3,539,226
Energy	2,636,292	2,637,966	2,637,966	0	2,637,966	2,707,696	2,707,696	0	2,707,696
Environment	2,430,379	2,431,871	2,431,871	0	2,431,871	2,494,014	2,494,014	0	2,494,014
Finance	3,026,449	3,329,727	3,028,328	301,399	3,028,328	3,416,328	3,106,591	309,737	3,106,591
Foreign Relations	2,708,841	2,710,573	2,710,573	0	2,710,573	2,782,749	2,782,749	0	2,782,749
Governmental Affairs	4,530,725	11,050,721	4,533,600	6,517,121	4,533,600	4,653,386	4,653,386	0	4,653,386
Indian Affairs	1,143,036	1,143,715	1,143,715	0	1,143,715	1,171,994	1,171,994	0	1,171,994
Judiciary	4,359,828	4,362,646	4,362,646	0	4,362,646	4,480,028	4,480,028	0	4,480,028
Labor	4,111,256	4,113,888	4,113,888	0	4,113,888	4,223,533	4,223,533	0	4,223,533
Rules	1,340,234	1,339,106	1,341,106	(2,000)	1,339,106	1,375,472	1,377,472	(2,000)	1,375,472
Small Business	1,083,793	1,084,471	1,084,471	0	1,084,471	1,112,732	1,112,732	0	1,112,732
Veterans Affairs	1,122,714	2,776,450	1,123,430	1,653,020	1,123,430	1,153,263	1,153,263	0	1,153,263
Aging	1,132,974	1,133,674	1,133,674	0	1,133,674	1,162,865	1,162,865	0	1,162,865
Intelligence	2,113,120	2,506,182	2,114,489	391,693	2,114,489	2,574,036	2,171,507	402,529	2,171,507

SENATE COMMITTEE EXPENSE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

The Committee on Rules and Administration has implemented the Senate Committee Expense Accounting System to assist committees in budget forecasting, in allocating dollars by expense category and office, in posting expenses incurred, in requesting reports by expense category or office, and in reconciling with the Disbursing Office. Each committee funded by the Committee on Rules and Administration shall use this uniform accounting system to account for funds authorized by this resolution.

HOUSING FOR COMMITTEE STAFF

It remains the policy and is expected by the Committee on Rules and Administration that staff paid by committee funds be housed in committee space.

With the opening of the Hart Building in 1983, the Committee on Rules and Administration implemented the policy of providing 140 square feet for each budgeted full-time staff member as a goal. This policy was reaffirmed and approved by the passage of S. Res. 73 (104th Congress, 1st Session) and again by this resolution.

Section 23 of this resolution states that space assigned to the respective committees of the Senate covered by this resolution shall be reduced commensurate with the reductions in authorized staff funded herein and by S. Res. 73, 104th Congress. The Committee on Rules and Administration is expected to recover such space for the purpose of equalizing Senators' offices to the extent possible, and to consolidate the space for Senate committees, in order to reduce the cost of support equipment, office furniture, and office accessories.

During the 1997–1998 funding period, the Rules Committee will conduct a study on the level of authorized staff per committee including the number of non-reimbursable and reimbursable detailees, volunteers, interns, externs, and fellows. The Rules Committee expects to report by September 30, 1997, its findings and begin reallocation of space.

Space allocations will be based on authorized committee staff and detailees approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Committee	Total number of square feet	Number employees budgeted 1997 ¹
Agriculture	6438 SF	37
Appropriations	15145 SF	66
Armed Services	8633 SF	47
Banking	8326 SF	45
Budget	12021 SF	48
Commerce	12811 SF	70
Energy	8281 SF	43
Environment	8140 SF	48
Finance	8114 SF	53
Foreign Relations	9184 SF	51
Governmental Affairs	21267 SF	100
Judiciary	20549 SF	105
Labor	19297 SF	73
Rules	4649 SF	25
Small Business	3869 SF	21
Veterans' Affairs	3633 SF	21
Aging	4306 SF	23

Committee	Total number of square feet	Number employees budgeted 1997 ¹
Intelligence	6901 SF	30
Indian Affairs	3551 SF	18

Excludes approved detailees.

COMMITTEE COMPUTER RESOURCES

The office automation funding estimates requested by committees for fiscal years 1995 and 1996 exceeded \$3.8 million and had to be adjusted to fit the available Sergeant at Arms funding. The actual expenditures for the 2-year period were \$2.6 million of the authorized \$3.1 million authority.

The committee office automation requests for fiscal years 1977 and 1998 were reduced to meet Sergeant at Arms funding levels and to achieve the Committee on Rules and Administration mandate to reduce operating cost as stated in S. Res. 73 (104th, 1st). Factors considered in making these allocations included the current status of each committee's computing capacity, the age of the existing technology, the number of authorized committee staff and budgeted details, and previous computer expenditures. Computer resources will only be provided to staff and detailees as identified in the committee budget submission and as approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration. Any computer resources needed for staff or detailees not identified in the committee's budget submission will be at committee expense, this includes all maintenance, service and support. It is the intent of this committee that in the next committee biennial budget submission all associated cost for detailees and fellows will be absorbed in committee budgets. The Committee on Rules and Administration will be instructing the Sergeant at Arms to conduct a physical audit of the number of workstations assigned to committees. This audit is needed to correct the disparity between the number of workstations assigned to the committee and the number of authorized committee staff and approved detailees.

Committees listed may begin working directly with the Sergeant at Arms and the Computer Center in implementing their plans, as long as the items requested meet the definition of standard senate computer products.

Committee	Fiscal year		Total
	1997	1998	
Aging	\$18,400	\$18,400	\$36,800
Agriculture	42,820	42,820	85,640
Appropriations	127,666	127,666	255,332
Armed Services	40,039	40,039	80,078
Banking	55,200	55,200	110,400
Budget	33,856	33,856	67,712
Commerce	77,740	77,740	155,480
Energy	57,056	57,056	114,112
Environment	59,874	59,874	119,748
Finance	47,766	47,766	95,532
Foreign Relations	91,428	91,428	182,856
Government Affairs	119,607	119,607	239,214
Indian Affairs	29,806	29,806	59,612
Intelligence	83,945	83,945	167,890

Committee	Fiscal year		Total
	1997	1998	
Judiciary	104,927	104,927	209,854
Labor	128,754	128,754	257,508
Rules	36,800	36,800	73,600
Small Business	44,374	44,374	88,748
Veterans' Affairs	26,941	26,941	53,882
Total	1,226,999	1,226,999	2,453,998

This funding reduction may mean that committees will not be able to employ the latest hardware and software as soon as they become available over the next 2 years.

CONSULTANTS

This resolution specifies the funding that is made available to hire consultants, as otherwise authorized by statute.

COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE

The Rules Committee has received inquiries regarding staff representatives on committees as authorized by P.L. 95–94. With respect to including funds for Legislative Assistance, the Rules Committee position is that these are funded in Members' personal office accounts to assist with committee duties.

CONSIDERATION AT MARK-UP

The Committee carefully evaluated the needs and responsibilities of each committee, including both written and oral testimony. The recommendation of the Committee in S. Res. 54 is consistent with the Committee's previously stated guidelines.

Questions were raised at the markup about the budget requests received above guidelines. The committees on Finance, Governmental Affairs, Veterans' Affairs and Intelligence submitted requests for funds above guidelines. The Committee on Rules and Administration will consider these requests at a later date.

In the final analysis, the Committee's recommendation meets the overall target of a standstill budget. There are no extra funds available in the 1997 recurring baseline budget that would permit an increase in funding and remain within target funding.

COMMITTEE VOTE

The Committee on Rules and Administration ordered this resolution to be favorably reported by rollcall vote. No member voted no.

Chairman Warner cast the proxies of Senators Helms, Cochran, Nickles, and Lott in support of the motion; Senator Ford cast Senator Moynihan's proxy in support of the motion.

Members present: Chairman Warner, Senator Stevens, Senator McConnell, Senator Hutchison, Senator Santorum, Senator Ford, Senator Inouye, Senator Dodd, and Senator Feinstein.