

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 8

Relative to Senate procedure in the 107th Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Relative to Senate procedure in the 107th Congress.

1 *Resolved*, That notwithstanding the provisions of rule
2 XXV, or any other provision of the Standing Rules or
3 Standing Orders of the Senate, the committees of the Sen-
4 ate, including Joint and Special Committees, for the 107th
5 Congress shall be composed equally of members of both
6 parties, to be appointed at a later time by the two Leaders;
7 that the budgets and office space for such committees, and
8 all other subgroups, shall likewise be equal, with up to an
9 additional 10 percent to be allocated for administrative ex-
10 penses to be determined by the Rules Committee, with the
11 total administrative expenses allocation for all committees
12 not to exceed historic levels; and that the Chairman of

1 a full committee may discharge a subcommittee of any
2 Legislative or Executive Calendar item which has not been
3 reported because of a tie vote and place it on the full com-
4 mittee's agenda.

5 SEC. 2. *Provided*, That such committee ratios shall
6 remain in effect for the remainder of the 107th Congress,
7 except that if at any time during the 107th Congress ei-
8 ther party attains a majority of the whole number of Sen-
9 ators, then each committee ratio shall be adjusted to re-
10 flect the ratio of the parties in the Senate, and the provi-
11 sions of this resolution shall have no further effect, except
12 that the members appointed by the two Leaders, pursuant
13 to this resolution, shall no longer be members of the com-
14 mittees, and the committee chairmanships shall be held
15 by the party which has attained a majority of the whole
16 number of Senators.

17 SEC. 3. Pursuant to the provisions and exceptions
18 listed above, the following additional Standing Orders
19 shall be in effect for the 107th Congress:

20 (1) If a committee has not reported out a legis-
21 lative item or nomination because of a tie vote, then,
22 after notice of such tie vote has been transmitted to
23 the Senate by that committee and printed in the
24 Record, the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader
25 may, only after consultation with the Chairman and

1 Ranking Member of the committee, make a motion
2 to discharge such legislative item or nomination, and
3 time for debate on such motion shall be limited to
4 4 hours, to be equally divided between the two Lead-
5 ers, with no other motions, points of order, or
6 amendments in order: *Provided*, That following the
7 use or yielding back of time, a vote occur on the mo-
8 tion to discharge, without any intervening action,
9 motion, or debate, and if agreed to it be placed im-
10 mediately on the Calendar of Business (in the case
11 of legislation) or the Executive Calendar (in the case
12 of a nomination).

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of rule
14 XXII, to insure that any cloture motion shall be of-
15 fered for the purpose of bringing to a close debate,
16 in no case shall it be in order for any cloture motion
17 to be made on an amendable item during its first 12
18 hours of Senate debate: *Provided*, That all other pro-
19 visions of rule XXII remain in status quo.

20 (3) Both Leaders shall seek to attain an equal
21 balance of the interests of the two parties when
22 scheduling and debating legislative and executive
23 business generally, and in keeping with the present
24 Senate precedents, a motion to proceed to any Leg-
25 islative or Executive Calendar item shall continue to

1 be considered the prerogative of the Majority Lead-
2 er, although the Senate Rules do not prohibit the
3 right of the Democratic Leader, or any other Sen-
4 ator, to move to proceed to any item.

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