V. Quorums and Voting

1. Procedure. All meetings and hearings shall be open to the public unless closed. To close a meeting or hearing or portion thereof, a majority of the Committee or staff shall be in attendance in an orderly and unobtrusive manner, and the Chairman or the ranking minority member, acting together, may, by a vote of a majority of the Committee, after an adequate period for consideration of the matter, close the meeting or hearing or portion thereof to the public.

2. Request. The Chairman may request a Committee meeting following a poll for a vote on the polled decision.

VI. Investigations

1. Authorization for Investigations. All investigations shall be conducted on a bipartisan basis by Committee staff. Committee investigations shall be initiated by the Committee staff upon the approval of the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member. Staff shall keep the Committee fully informed of the conduct of Committee investigations only, except where the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member agree that there exists temporary cause for more limited knowledge.

2. Subpoenas. The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, acting together, shall authorize subpoenas. Subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of memoranda, documents, records, or any other materials shall be issued by the Chairman or any other Member of the Committee designated by him. Prior to the issuance of each subpoena, the Ranking Minority Member and any other Member so requesting, shall be notified regarding the identity of the person to whom the subpoena will be issued and the nature of the information sought, and its relationship to the investigation.

3. Committee Investigative Reports. All reports containing Committee findings or recommendations stemming from Committee investigations shall be printed only with the prior approval of a majority of the Members of the Committee.

7. Deposits and Commissions

4. Notice. Notices for the taking of depositions in an investigation authorized by the Committee shall be in writing and issued by the Chairman or by a staff officer designated by him. Such notice shall include a time and place for examination, and the name of the staff officer or officers who will take the deposition. Unless otherwise specified, the deposition shall be taken by telephone or otherwise on the objection of any witness.

5. Proceeding. Witnesses shall be examined upon request of the Committee or staff. Objections by the witnesses to any of the matters described in the notice shall be noted by the record. The Committee may require the witness to answer the objections as to any portion of the proceeding, and to continue with the deposition, or to answer by a Member of the Committee.

8. Impugned Persons. Any person who becomes of record or quoted in a report or findings of the Committee may request that the Committee staff make an investigation of the matter to determine the accuracy of the report or findings.

III. Closed Sessions and Confidential Materials

1. Procedure. All investigations or matters enumerated in Senate Rule XXVI(5)(b). Immediately after investigations or matters enumerated in an investigation authorized by the Committee shall be printed only with the prior approval of a majority of the Members of the Committee.
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
115TH CONGRESS SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
ENERGY
Cory Gardner, Chairman
James E. Risch; Jeff Flake; Steve Daines; Jeff Sessions; Lamar Alexander; John Hoeven; Rob Portman; Joe Manchin III; Ranking; Ron Wyden; Bernard Sanders; Al Franken; Martin Heinrich; Angus King; Tammy Duckworth; Catherine Cortez Masto.

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING
Mike Lee, Chairman
John Barrasso; James E. Risch; Jeff Flake; Steve Daines; Cory Gardner; Jeff Sessions; Lamar Alexander; John Hoeven; Bill Cassidy; Ron Wyden; Ranking; Debbie Stabenow; Al Franken; Joe Manchin III; Martin Heinrich; Mazie Hirono; Catherine Cortez Masto.

NATIONAL PARKS
Steve Daines, Chairman
John Barrasso; Mike Lee; Cory Gardner; Lamar Alexander; John Hoeven; Rob Portman; Mazie Hirono, Ranking; Bernard Sanders; Debbie Stabenow; Martin Heinrich; Angus King; Tammy Duckworth.

WATER AND POWER
Jeff Flake, Chairman
John Barrasso; James E. Risch; Mike Lee; Jeff Sessions; Bill Cassidy; Rob Portman; Angus King, Ranking; Ron Wyden; Bernard Sanders; Al Franken; Joe Manchin III; Tammy Duckworth.

Lisa Murkowski and Maria Cantwell are ex officio members of all Subcommittees.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS
RULES OF PROCEDURE
Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the committee rules for the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee printed in the RECORD.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS
LAMAR ALEXANDER, Chairman.

RULES OF PROCEDURE (AS AGREED TO JANUARY, 2017)

Rule 1.—Subject to the provisions of rule XXVI, paragraph 5, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, regular meetings of the committee shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m., in room SD–430, Dirksen Senate Office Building. The chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as he may deem necessary.

Rule 2.—The chairman of the committee or of a subcommittee, or if the chairman is not present, the ranking minority member present, shall preside at all meetings. The chairman may designate the ranking minority member to preside at the hearings of the committee or subcommittee.

Rule 3.—Meetings of the committee or a subcommittee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public except as otherwise specifically provided in subsections (b) and (d) of rule 26.5 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Rule 4.—Do you favor or oppose the proposal. (2) Do you favor or oppose the proposal.

(1) Do you agree or disagree to poll the proposal; and (2) Do you favor or反对 the proposal.

Rule 7.—There shall be prepared and kept a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of any committee meeting, hearing, or conference whether or not such meetings or any part thereof is closed pursuant to the specific provisions of subsections (b) and (d) of rule 26.5. The committee, and designated assistants to members of the committee, shall have the responsibility to make appropriate arrangements to implement this rule.

Rule 8.—Any subcommittee of the committee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of rule XXVI, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to issue public announcements of any hearing or executive session it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearing or executive session. In the case of any bill or joint resolution to be considered, the text of any bill or joint resolution shall be provided to the chairman for final consideration, the clerk shall, as far as practicable, utilize testimony previously taken on bills and joint resolutions, and shall be available for inspection by any member of the committee or subcommittee on any question on which a “yea and nay” vote is demanded, and shall be available for inspection by any member of the committee or subcommittee. The committee or a subcommittee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of rule XXVI, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to issue public announcements of any hearing or executive session it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearing or executive session. In the case of any bill or joint resolution to be considered, the text of any bill or joint resolution shall be provided to the chairman for prompt electronic distribution to the members of the committee or subcommittee.

Rule 9.—The committee or a subcommittee shall require all witnesses heard before it to file written statements of their proposed testimony at least 24 hours before a hearing, unless the chairman and the ranking minority member determine that there is good cause for failure to so file, and to limit their oral presentation to brief summaries of their arguments. Testimony may be filed electronically. The presiding officer at any hearing is authorized to limit the time to each witness appearing before the committee or a subcommittee. The committee or a subcommittee shall, as far as practicable, utilize testimony previously taken on bills and joint resolutions, and shall be available for inspection by any member of the committee or subcommittee.

Rule 10.—Should a subcommittee fail to report back to the full committee on any measure within a reasonable time, the chair- man may withdraw the measure from such committee and recommend it to the full committee for further disposition.

Rule 11.—No subcommittee may schedule a meeting or hearing at a time designated for a meeting or hearing of the full committee. No more than one subcommittee executive meeting may be held at the same time.

Rule 12.—It shall be the duty of the chairman in accordance with section 139(c) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, to report or cause to be reported to the Senate, any measure or recommendation approved by the committee or chair- man or cause to be taken, necessary steps to bring the matter to a vote in the Senate.

Rule 13.—Whenever the meeting of the committee or subcommittee is closed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) or (d) of rule 26.5 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no other than the chairman, members of the staff of the subcommittee, members of the staff of the committee, and designated assistants to members of the committee shall be permitted to attend such closed session, except by special dispensation of the committee or subcommittee or the chairman thereof.

Rule 14.—The chairman of the committee or subcommittee shall adjourn any meeting of the committee or a subcommittee if a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes of the time schedule for such meeting.

Rule 15.—Whenever a bill or joint resolution shall be before the committee or a subcommittee for final consideration, the clerk shall distribute to each member of the committee or subcommittee a document, prepared by the sponsor of the bill or joint resolution, if the bill or joint resolution has no underlying statutory language, the document shall consist of a detailed summary of the purpose and impact of each section. If the bill or joint resolution repeals or amends any statute or part thereof, the document shall consist of a detailed summary of the underlying statute and the proposed changes in each section of the underlying law and either a print of the statute or the part of the statute thereof to be amended or replaced showing by stricken-through type, the part of the statute to be omitted and underlined, the proposed text of the bill or joint resolution showing by bold type, the new matter proposed to be added, along with a summary of the proposed changes; or a side-by-side document showing a comparison of current law, the proposed changes and a detailed description of the proposed changes.

Rule 16.—An appropriate opportunity shall be given the minority to examine the proposed text of committee reports prior to their filing or publication. In the event there are supplemental, minority, or additional views, an appropriate opportunity shall be given the minority to examine the proposed text prior to filing or publication. Unless the chairman and ranking minority member determine that there is good cause for failure to so file, and to limit their oral presentation to brief summaries of their arguments. Testimony may be filed electronically. The presiding officer at any hearing is authorized to limit the time to each witness appearing before the committee or a subcommittee. The committee or a subcommittee shall, as far as practicable, utilize testimony previously taken on bills and joint resolutions, and shall be available for inspection by any member of the committee or subcommittee.