

## OFFICIAL SENATE FLAG

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*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to design an official Senate flag utilizing the seal of the Senate as the principal symbol on such flag. Expenses incident to the designing and procurement of such flag shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers signed by the Secretary of the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Senate flag shall be available for purchase and use by Senators, or former Senators, only subject to the following conditions—

(1) purchase of the flag shall be limited to—

(A) two flags for each Senator, or former Senator, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear;

(B) two flags for each Senate committee, as determined by the chairman and ranking member, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(C) two flags for each officer of the Senate, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(2) the flag shall not be utilized or displayed for commercial purposes.

Senators who leave the Senate may retain their flags subject to the preceding restrictions.

[S. Res. 369, 98-2, Sept. 7, 1984; S. Res. 135, 101-1, June 2, 1989.]

## VOTES SHALL BE CAST FROM ASSIGNED DESK

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*Resolved*, That it is a standing order of the Senate that during yea and nay votes in the Senate, each Senator shall vote from the assigned desk of the Senator.

[S. Res. 480, 98-2, Oct. 11, 1984.]

## OFFICE OF SENATE SECURITY

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*Resolved*, That (a) there is established, within the Office of the Secretary of the Senate (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”), the Office of Senate Security (hereinafter referred to as the “Office”), which shall be headed by a Director of Senate Security (hereinafter referred to as the “Director”). The Office shall be under the policy direction of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, and shall be under the administrative direction and supervision of the Secretary.

(b)(1) The Director shall be appointed by the Secretary after consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders. The Secretary shall fix the compensation of the Director. Any appointment under this subsection shall be made solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position and without regard to political affiliation.

(2) The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, and after consultation with the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, may establish such policies and procedures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution. Commencing one year from the effective date of this resolution, the Director shall submit an annual report to the Majority and Minority Leaders and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration on the status of security matters and the handling of classified information in the Senate, and the progress of the Office in achieving the mandates of this resolution.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary shall appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution. The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe the duties and responsibilities of such personnel. If a Director is not appointed, the Office shall be headed by an Acting Director. The Secretary shall appoint and fix the compensation of the Acting Director.

(b) The Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate may each designate a Majority staff assistant and a Minority staff assistant to serve as their liaisons to the Office. Upon such designation, the Secretary shall appoint and fix the compensation of the Majority and Minority liaison assistants.

SEC. 3. (a) The Office is authorized, and shall have the responsibility, to develop, establish, and carry out policies and procedures with respect to such matters as:

(1) the receipt, control, transmission, storage, destruction or other handling of classified information addressed to the United States Senate, the President of the Senate, or Members and employees of the Senate;

(2) the processing of security clearance requests and renewals for officers and employees of the Senate;

(3) establishing and maintaining a current and centralized record of security clearances held by officers

and employees of the Senate, and developing recommendations for reducing the number of clearances held by such employees;

(4) consulting and presenting briefings on security matters and the handling of classified information for the benefit of Members and employees of the Senate;

(5) maintaining an active liaison on behalf of the Senate, or any committee thereof, with all departments and agencies of the United States on security matters; and

(6) conducting periodic review of the practices and procedures employed by all offices of the Senate for the handling of classified information.

(b) Within 180 days after the Director takes office, he shall develop, after consultation with the Secretary, a Senate Security Manual, to be printed and distributed to all Senate offices. The Senate Security Manual will prescribe the policies and procedures of the Office, and set forth regulations for all other Senate offices for the handling of classified information. [Executed.]

(c) Within 90 days after taking office, the Director shall conduct a survey to determine the number of officers and employees of the Senate that have security clearances and report the findings of the survey to the Majority and Minority Leaders and Secretary of the Senate together with recommendations regarding the feasibility of reducing the number of employees with such clearances.

(d) The Office shall have authority—

(1) to provide appropriate facilities in the United States Capitol for hearings of committees of the Senate at which restricted data or other classified information is to be presented or discussed;

(2) to establish and operate a central repository in the United States Capitol for the safeguarding of classified information for which the Office is responsible; which shall include the classified records, transcripts, and materials of all closed sessions of the Senate; and

(3) to administer and maintain oaths of secrecy under paragraph (2) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate and to establish such procedures as may be necessary to implement the provisions of such paragraph.

SEC. 4. Funds appropriated for the fiscal year 1987 which would be available to carry out the purposes of the Interim

Office of Senate Security but for the termination of such Office shall be available for the Office of Senate Security.

SEC. 5. (a) All records, documents, data, materials, rooms, and facilities in the custody of the Interim Office of Senate Security at the time of its termination on July 10, 1987, are transferred to the Office established by subsection (a) of the first section of this resolution.

(b) This resolution shall take effect on July 11, 1987.

[S. Res. 243, 100-1, July 1, 1987.]

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## DEBT COLLECTION

*Resolved*, That, for purposes of subchapters I and II of chapter 37 of Title 31, United States Code (relating to claims of or against the United States Government), the United States Senate shall be considered to be a legislative agency (as defined in section 3701(a)(4) of such title), and the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed to be the head of such legislative agency.

SEC. 2. Regulations prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to section 3716 of Title 31, United States Code, shall not become effective until they are approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

[S. Res. 147, 101-1, June 20, 1989.]

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## TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General and such regulations as the Committee on Rules and Administration may prescribe, may consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code, any claim for money damages against the United States for injury of loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, officer, or employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. The Committee on Rules and Administration may, from time to time, delegate any or all of its authority under this resolution to the chairman. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding \$2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund