

D. Indictment or Conviction of Committee Chair/Ranking Member

In the event of an indictment for a felony, the chair/ranking member or elected member of the leadership shall step down until the case is resolved. Upon conviction, the chair/ranking member would automatically be replaced.

E. Seniority

Seniority for Senators shall date from the constitutional time of the convening of Congress, January 3, and an appointment to fill an unexpired term prior to that time shall not affect the seniority of any member under any circumstances if vacancy occurs between the November election date and the convening of Congress on January 3. In the case that a Senator is appointed to fill a vacancy or elected to the Senate in a special election to fill an unexpired term prior to or on the date of the November election, that Senator shall have seniority over any new Senator elected in the November elections.

If all prior service considerations are equal, Senators' Conference seniority and position for selection of committees should be determined by drawing. The resulting randomly selected order should then be considered throughout the committee selection process.

F. Bumping Rights

When a Senator has served on a committee and has lost his membership thereon by a change of committee ratio, he shall have seniority over any and all other Senators to the first vacancy on the committee from which he was removed.

G. Limitation on Committee Service

No Senator shall serve at any time on more than one of the following committees: Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Armed Services, Committee on Finance, and Committee on Foreign Relations.

Notwithstanding the limitation contained in the subparagraph, a Senator who on the day preceding the effective date of section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 was a member of more than one such committee may continue to serve as a member of each such committee of which he was a member on that day as long as his service on that committee remains continuous after that day.

H. Assignments of Newly Elected Senators

The Committee on Committees is instructed to recommend to the Conference assignments of newly elected Senators as follows. Each newly elected Senator shall have one choice for a committee assignment before any of the newly elected Senators may make a second choice. The order of choice in both cases shall be as follows: (1) previous service in the Senate; (2) previous service in the House; and (3) previous service as a Governor of his State. Those members not meeting any of the preceding criteria shall have their order of choice determined by drawing.

I. Appointment of Subcommittee Staff Directors

Subcommittee chairmen shall be awarded funds from the full committee budget for subcommittee staff purposes. Subcommittee chairmen shall appoint subcommittee staff directors, with the concurrence of the full committee chairman, and shall retain supervisory responsibility over subcommittee personnel. *{effective October 1, 1999}*

J. Subcommittee Waiver Process

Subcommittee chairs/ranking members shall be determined by rank on either the subcommittee in question or the full committee. Any waivers from the Conference rules governing subcommittee chairs/ranking member positions shall be granted by rank only after subcommittee chair/ranking member positions have been offered to members not seeking a waiver. All waivers granted pursuant to this rule are subject to confirmation by the Conference.

VI.

A National Republican Senatorial Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each Congress by the Chairman of the Conference, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

VII.

No action by the Conference upon any matter pending or to be proposed in the Senate shall be binding in any way on members in casting their votes thereon.

VIII.

These rules may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Conference, provided notice of the amendment has been given at least one week in advance to every member of the Conference that action will be sought upon the subject to be covered by the amendment.