

(Approved, 3/12/2001)

TO: The Senate

FROM: Rules Committee

Downs, Chair

DATE: 19 January 2001

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Bylaws of the Senate: General Provisions and Ad Hoc Committees (amends SD 81-10)

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for implementation

WHEREAS, the present method of asking the committee member whose name appears first alphabetically to call the first meeting of each committee on which they serve may place an undo burden on some who serve on several committees; and

WHEREAS, all Senate committees should have a chair selected and be prepared to do business in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, there may at times be a need for the Senate to convene a committee whose business is of a limited duration; and

WHEREAS, there is no provision for the appointing of ad hoc committees of the Senate;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate approve the following changes and additions to the Bylaws of the Senate.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

5.1. **General Provisions** (regarding calling the first meeting of the year)

Current:

5.1.2. ...this meeting to be convened by the committee member whose name occurs first alphabetically; /senate-dev .

Proposed:

5.1.2. ...this meeting to be convened by the committee member designated by the Senate Secretary to do so and by a date set by the Executive Committee; /senate-dev .

Add new section:

5.4. **Ad Hoc Committees**

5.4.1 The Senate may create ad hoc committees and appoint the members thereof according to the provisions in *Robert's Rules of Order* except that no ad hoc committee can continue beyond a year's duration from the date of its creation unless the Senate adopts a motion specifically directing it to do so. No continuation shall be longer than a year, but with Senate approval may be renewed.