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Amending the broadcasting and recording procedures of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Amending the broadcasting and recording procedures of the Senate.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. BROADCASTING AND RECORDING PROCE-**
3 **DURES OF THE SENATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Senate Resolution 28 (99th Con-
5 gress), agreed to February 27, 1986, is amended by strik-
6 ing all after the resolving clause and inserting the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“(a) IN GENERAL. BROADCASTING AND RECORDING PROCE-**
9 **DURES OF THE SENATE.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Senate hereby authorizes
11 and directs that there be broadcast coverage of pro-

1 ceedings in the Senate Chamber and recordings of such
 2 proceedings.

3 “(b) TYPE OF COVERAGE.—The broadcast coverage
 4 described in subsection (a) shall be provided—

5 “(1) in accordance with provisions of this reso-
 6 lution;

7 “(2) continuously, except for any time when the
 8 Senate is conducting a quorum call, or when a meet-
 9 ing with closed doors is ordered; and

10 “(3) subject to the provisions pertaining to the
 11 Senate gallery contained in the following rules of the
 12 Standing Rules of the Senate:

13 “(A) Paragraphs 6 and 7 of rule XIX.

14 “(B) Paragraph 1(n) of rule XXV.

15 “(C) Paragraph (2) of rule XXXIII.

16 **“SEC. 2. SUPERVISION OF BROADCAST COVERAGE.**

17 “The broadcast coverage of Senate proceedings shall
 18 be supervised and operated by the Senate.

19 **“SEC. 3. VIDEO BROADCAST COVERAGE.**

20 “The video broadcast coverage of Senate proceedings
 21 shall follow the Presiding Officer and Senators who are
 22 speaking, clerks, and the Chaplain of the Senate except
 23 during rollcall votes, when the cameras shall show the en-
 24 tire Chamber.

1 **“SEC. 4. BROADCASTING AND RECORDING IMPLEMENTA-**
 2 **TION.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The broadcast coverage and re-
 4 cording of Senate proceedings shall be implemented as
 5 provided in this section.

6 “(b) ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL DUTIES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Cap-
 8 itol, in consultation with the Sergeant at Arms and
 9 Doorkeeper of the Senate, shall—

10 “(A) construct necessary facilities for
 11 broadcast coverage (including a control room
 12 and the modification of Senate sound and light-
 13 ing fixtures);

14 “(B) employ necessary expert consultants;
 15 and

16 “(C) acquire and install all necessary
 17 equipment and facilities to—

18 “(i) produce a broadcast-quality ‘live’
 19 audio and color video signal of Senate pro-
 20 ceedings; and

21 “(ii) provide an archive-quality audio
 22 and color video recording of Senate pro-
 23 ceedings.

24 “(2) APPROVAL REQUIRED.—In carrying out
 25 the duties specified in subparagraphs (A) through
 26 (C) of paragraph (1), the Architect of the Capitol

1 shall not enter into any contract for the purchase or
 2 installation of equipment, for employment of any
 3 consultant, or for the provision of training to any
 4 person, unless the same shall first have been ap-
 5 proved by the Committee on Rules and Administra-
 6 tion.

7 “(c) SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE
 8 SENATE DUTIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant at Arms and
 10 Doorkeeper of the Senate shall—

11 “(A) employ such staff as may be nec-
 12 essary, working in conjunction with the Senate
 13 Recording Studio, to operate and maintain all
 14 broadcast equipment installed pursuant to this
 15 resolution; and

16 “(B)(i) make recordings of Senate pro-
 17 ceedings; and

18 “(ii) make copies of recordings as requested by
 19 the Secretary of the Senate under paragraph (3)
 20 and, as soon thereafter as possible, transmit the cop-
 21 ies of recordings to the Secretary.

22 “(2) COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE RULES AND
 23 PROCEDURES.—The Sergeant at Arms and Door-
 24 keeper of the Senate, in carrying out the duties
 25 specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph

1 (1), shall comply with appropriate Senate procure-
2 ment and other regulations.

3 “(3) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
4 SENATE.—The Secretary of the Senate is authorized
5 to obtain from the Sergeant at Arms and Door-
6 keeper of the Senate recordings of Senate pro-
7 ceedings and, as soon thereafter as possible, trans-
8 mit such recordings to the Librarian of Congress
9 and to the Archivist of the United States.

10 **“SEC. 5. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF RECORDINGS.**

11 “(a) PROHIBITION ON USE FOR POLITICAL CAM-
12 PAIGN PURPOSES.—The use of any recording of Senate
13 proceedings for political campaign purposes is strictly pro-
14 hibited.

15 “(b) AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), any recording of Senate proceedings fur-
18 nished to any person or organization shall be made
19 on the condition, agreed to in writing, that the re-
20 cording shall not be used for political campaign pur-
21 poses.

22 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Any public or commercial
23 news organization furnished a recording described in
24 paragraph (1) shall be subject to the provisions of

1 paragraph (1) but shall not be required to enter into
2 a written agreement.

3 **“SEC. 6. AVAILABILITY OF BROADCAST COVERAGE.**

4 “Broadcast coverage of Senate proceedings shall be
5 made available on a ‘live’ basis and free of charge to—

6 “(1) any accredited member of the Senate
7 Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery;

8 “(2) the cable system of the Architect of the
9 Capitol; and

10 “(3) such other news gathering, educational, or
11 information distributing entity as may be authorized
12 by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

13 **“SEC. 7. BROADCASTING PROHIBITION.**

14 “Official noting of a Senator’s absence from commit-
15 tees while the Senate is broadcasting is prohibited.

16 **“SEC. 8. CLOSED CAPTIONING.**

17 “Closed captioning for broadcast coverage of Senate
18 proceedings shall be provided as directed by the Com-
19 mittee on Rules and Administration.

20 **“SEC. 9. BROADCASTING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES
21 AND REGULATIONS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any changes in the regulations
23 made by this resolution shall be made only by Senate reso-
24 lution.

1 “(b) COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRA-
2 TION.—The Committee on Rules and Administration may
3 adopt such procedures and such regulations, which do not
4 contravene the regulations made by this resolution, as the
5 Committee deems necessary to assure the proper imple-
6 mentation of the purposes of this resolution.

7 **“SEC. 10. FUNDING.**

8 “Such funds as may be necessary (but not in excess
9 of \$3,500,000) to carry out this resolution shall be ex-
10 pended from the contingent fund of the Senate.”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Senate Resolution
12 444 (99th Congress), agreed to July 15, 1986, is repealed.

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