

Chair and Ranking Member or by a majority vote of the members of the Committee.

Quorums

(a)(1) A majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for reporting any legislative measure or nomination.

(2) One-third of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of routine business, provided that one Minority Member is present. The term "routine business" includes, but is not limited to, the consideration of legislation pending before the Committee and any amendments thereto, and voting on such amendments, and steps in an investigation including, but not limited to, authorizing the issuance of a subpoena.

(3) In hearings, whether in public or closed session, a quorum for the asking of testimony, including sworn testimony, shall consist of one Member of the Committee.

(b) Proxies will be permitted in voting upon the business of the Committee. A Member who is unable to attend a business meeting may submit a proxy vote on any matter, in writing, or through oral or written personal instructions to a Member of the Committee or staff. Proxies shall in no case be counted for establishing a quorum.

Nominations

In considering a nomination, the Committee shall conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, suitability, and integrity to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated. In any hearings on the nomination, the nominee shall be called to testify under oath on all matters relating to his or her nomination for office. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the Committee may request. The Committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis.

Hearings, Subpoenas, & Legal Counsel

(a)(1) The Chair of the Committee may initiate a hearing of the Committee on his or her authority or upon his or her approval of a request by any Member of the Committee. If such request is by the Ranking Member, a decision shall be communicated to the Ranking Member within 7 business days. Written notice of all hearings, including the title, a description of the hearing, and a tentative witness list shall be given at least 5 business days in advance, where practicable, to all Members of the Committee.

(2) Hearings of the Committee shall not be scheduled outside the District of Columbia unless specifically authorized by the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member or by consent of a majority of the Committee. Such consent may be given informally, without a meeting, but must be in writing.

(b)(1) Any Member of the Committee shall be empowered to administer the oath to any witness testifying as to fact.

(2) The minority on the Committee shall be entitled, upon request made by a majority of the minority members to the Chair before the completion of such hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to the measure or matter during at least one day of hearing. Interrogation of witnesses at hearings shall be conducted on behalf of the Committee by Members of the Committee or such Committee staff as is authorized by the Chair or Ranking Minority Member.

(3) Witnesses appearing before the Committee shall file with the Clerk of the Committee a written statement of the prepared testimony at least two business days in ad-

vance of the hearing at which the witness is to appear unless this requirement is waived by the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member.

(c) Any witness summoned to a public or closed hearing may be accompanied by counsel of his or her own choosing, who shall be permitted while the witness is testifying to advise the witness of his or her legal rights. Failure to obtain counsel will not excuse the witness from appearing and testifying.

(d) Subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of memoranda, documents, records, and other materials may be authorized by the Chair with the consent of the Ranking Minority Member or by the consent of a majority of the Members of the Committee. Such consent may be given informally, without a meeting, but must be in writing. The Chair may subpoena attendance or production without the consent of the Ranking Minority Member when the Chair has not received notification from the Ranking Minority Member of disapproval of the subpoena within 72 hours of being notified of the intended subpoena, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Subpoenas shall be issued by the Chair or by the Member of the Committee designated by him or her. A subpoena for the attendance of a witness shall state briefly the purpose of the hearing and the matter or matters to which the witness is expected to testify. A subpoena for the production of memoranda, documents, records, and other materials shall identify the papers or materials required to be produced with as much particularity as is practicable.

(e) The Chair shall rule on any objections or assertions of privilege as to testimony or evidence in response to subpoenas or questions of Committee Members and staff in hearings.

(f) Testimony may be submitted to the formal record for a period not less than two weeks following a hearing or roundtable, unless otherwise agreed to by Chair and Ranking Member.

Confidential Information

(a) No confidential testimony taken by, or confidential material presented to, the Committee in executive session, or any report of the proceedings of a closed hearing, or confidential testimony or material submitted pursuant to a subpoena, shall be made public, either in whole or in part or by way of summary, unless authorized by a majority of the Members. Other confidential material or testimony submitted to the Committee may be disclosed if authorized by the Chair with the consent of the Ranking Member.

(b) Persons asserting confidentiality of documents or materials submitted to the Committee offices shall clearly designate them as such on their face. Designation of submissions as confidential does not prevent their use in furtherance of Committee business.

Media & Broadcasting

(a) At the discretion of the Chair, public meetings of the Committee may be televised, broadcasted, or recorded in whole or in part by a member of the Senate Press Gallery or an employee of the Senate. Any such person wishing to televise, broadcast, or record a Committee meeting must request approval of the Chair by submitting a written request to the Committee Office by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. Notice of televised or broadcasted hearings shall be provided to the Ranking Minority Member as soon as practicable.

(b) During public meetings of the Committee, any person using a camera, microphone, or other electronic equipment may not position or use the equipment in a way that interferes with the seating, vision, or

hearing of Committee members or staff on the dais, or with the orderly process of the meeting.

Subcommittees

The Committee shall not have standing subcommittees.

Amendment of Rules

The foregoing rules may be added to, modified or amended; provided, however, that not less than a majority of the entire Membership so determined at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 3, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales," and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Ted Cruz, Ted Budd, Cynthia M. Lummis, Bill Hagerty, Tim Sheehy, John R. Curtis, Mike Lee, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, Jim Banks, Rand Paul, Tommy Tuberville, David McCormick, Ron Johnson, Eric Schmitt, Jon Husted, Thom Tillis, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, John Barrasso, Katie Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Steve Daines, Markwayne Mullin, James C. Justice, Pete Ricketts, Ashley Moody, Tim Scott, Jerry Moran, Marsha Blackburn.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters," and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Ted Cruz, Tim Scott, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Jim Banks, James E. Risch, Bill Cassidy, Mike Crapo, Roger F. Wicker, John Kennedy, Tim Sheehy, Josh Hawley, Bernie Moreno, Rand Paul, Tommy Tuberville, David McCormick, Ron Johnson, Eric Schmitt, Jon Husted, Mike Lee, Rick Scott, John Cornyn, Kevin Cramer, John Barrasso, John Hoeven, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, Lisa Murkowski, Markwayne Mullin, Roger Marshall, Dan Sullivan.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Finance, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 3. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales".

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Energy and natural Resources, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 4. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-351. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation - 2025" (RIN3038-AF41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-352. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-353. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-354. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 with respect to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-355. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-356. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-357. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-358. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a va-

cancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-359. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22918" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1699)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-360. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22933" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-361. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22951" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-362. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22930" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2136)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-363. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22914" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2314)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-364. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22919" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2715)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-365. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22913" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0770)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-366. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes;

Amendment 39-22921" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1294)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-367. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22931" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2141)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-368. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22920" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0471)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-369. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22926" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2327)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-370. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes; Amendment 39-22924" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1483)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-371. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Airplanes and Helicopters; Amendment 39-22917" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0996)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-372. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines; Amendment 39-22912" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2664)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-373. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-22950" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2332)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-374. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-22952" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No.