

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Con. Res. 67) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 67

Whereas knowledge of our heritage is critical to understanding and meeting the challenges of today and developing a vision for our future;

Whereas the recognition of historic contributions of women to civilization is woefully lacking and such contributions are misunderstood in our Nation's cultural and historical landscape;

Whereas the Foundation for Women's Resources has announced the creation of The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future (in this resolution referred to as the "Museum"), a state-of-the-art, interactive museum that will—

(1) profile the specific achievements of individual women throughout history;

(2) explore the experiences of women in our civilization; and

(3) celebrate the role of women in culture, commerce, politics, art, music, and the sciences;

Whereas the Museum will both honor the past contributions of women in history as well as the future role of women in our society;

Whereas the Museum will be housed in the restored State Fair Coliseum in Dallas, Texas, and designed by architect Wendy Evans Joseph, Senior designer for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum;

Whereas the Museum has been widely supported by numerous women's organizations, local governments, corporations, and individuals;

Whereas the Museum is scheduled to open in the year 2000, the first time as a Nation we have witnessed the turn of a millennium; and

Whereas the turn of the millennium will be commemorated by government institutions and agencies with special projects and events all over our country; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That it is the sense of Congress—

(1) that the past, present, and future contributions of women to culture, commerce, politics, art, music, and the sciences should be recognized and celebrated;

(2) that The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, in Dallas, Texas, should be designated as a millennium project for the United States; and

(3) that Federal agencies and other Federal institutions should support the establishment and operation of The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future by—

(A) providing construction and operational support;

(B) supporting a ground-breaking ceremony for the museum; and

(C) supporting the museum and its objectives in all other respects.

AMENDING STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 151, submitted earlier today by Senators WARNER and FORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 151) to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require the Committee on Rules and Administration to develop, implement, and update as necessary a strategic planning process for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, it is my job to ensure that our colleagues have the support services they need to perform our constitutional responsibilities. Almost all of those services rely on information technology which must be coordinated between various authorities in the Senate. Ultimately, however, it is the Rules Committee that sets the overall policies for these services and remains responsible for ensuring that the needs of Senators and committees are met.

With the explosion in information technology, and the increasing sophistication of our user community, it is almost a full time job to ensure that the Senate keeps up with changes in technology in a timely manner. To assist in our responsibilities, the Committee sought the advice of outside experts with considerable experience advising both governmental entities and private industry in making the information technology and infrastructure support delivery decisions.

The consulting firm of Booz-Allen & Hamilton thoroughly reviewed our service delivery systems in the Senate, with considerable cooperation and participation by members' offices and the officers of the Senate. Booz-Allen has advised the Committee that the implementation of a strategic planning process for reviewing and coordinating the information technology and infrastructure support services of the Senate would enable us to make more cost-effective decisions about how to deliver those services.

The ranking member, Senator FORD, and I agree that this is a business practice that can prove very beneficial for the Senate. The resolution that we offer establishes that strategic planning process. I urge the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, the Committee on Rules and Administration has the responsibility of ensuring that everything runs smoothly in the Senate. We have to stay current on the latest technology to be responsive to the needs of Senators and committees, and to make sure that we are using taxpayers' dollars wisely. There is a very delicate balance to strike between taking care of Members' individual needs

and ensuring that the overall administration of the Senate functions in a coordinated and efficient manner.

To help the Rules Committee meet our responsibilities under the Standing Rules, the Committee solicited the advice of the consulting firm of Booz-Allen & Hamilton. Booz-Allen came before the Committee and presented their recommendations for how the Committee, and the Senate as a whole, can ensure that information technology and infrastructure support are more effectively and efficiently delivered in the Senate. Their recommendations include applying concepts that have worked in the private sector to bring efficiencies to technology and infrastructure support delivery. Specifically, Booz-Allen recommends that the Senate implement a strategic planning process for the delivery of information technology and infrastructure support.

This resolution provides for the creation of a strategic planning process in the Senate. I urge adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 151) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 151

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

Paragraph 1(n)(2) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in division (A), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in division (B), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) develop, implement, and update as necessary a strategy planning process and a strategic plan for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate and provide oversight over plans developed by Senate officers and others in accordance with the strategic planning process."

SEC. 2. COOPERATION BY OFFICES OF THE SENATE.

(a) SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.—The Secretary of the Senate shall assist the efforts of the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to the development and implementation of a strategic plan for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate. The Secretary shall prepare for approval by the Committee implementation plans, including proposed budgets, for the areas of infrastructure support for which the Secretary is responsible.

(b) SERGEANT AT ARMS.—The Sergeant at Arms shall assist the efforts of the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to the development and implementation of a strategic plan for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms shall prepare for approval by the Committee implementation plans, including proposed budgets, for the areas of infrastructure support for which the Sergeant at Arms is responsible.