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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting Financial Operating Rules of the Senate.

2 RESOLVED, That Financial Operating Rules of the Senate be
3 adopted for the governing of the 209th and 210th Regular
4 Session.

5 2025-2026

6 FINANCIAL OPERATING RULES OF THE SENATE

7 Rule 1. Personnel.

8 (a) Central office.--The office of the Chief Clerk of the
9 Senate shall serve as the central office of the Senate for all
10 personnel and payroll matters.

11 (b) Employees of the Senate.--

12 (1) Personnel files.--Before any individual is placed on
13 any payroll of the Senate, there must be in the office of the
14 Chief Clerk a payroll file containing:

15 (i) Full name of employee.

16 (ii) Full address.

17 (iii) Date of employment or job transfer.

1 (iv) Actual functional job title or description to
2 include general hours of work, general job
3 responsibilities and primary work location.

4 (v) The name of the Senator or Officer responsible
5 for monitoring the employee's performance.

6 (vi) Notification of appointment signed by the
7 authorizing Senator or Officer including a delineation of
8 the account from which the employee is to be paid.

9 (vii) The current compensation level with signature
10 approval of the authorizing Senator or Officer. Overtime
11 payments may be authorized only in emergency maintenance
12 and security situations with the signature approvals of
13 the Senator or Officer responsible for monitoring
14 performance, the authorizing Senator or Officer and the
15 President Pro Tempore.

16 (viii) All information necessary for tax withholding
17 and benefit eligibility.

18 (ix) Employment Eligibility Verification Form.

19 (2) Maintenance.--It is the responsibility of the Chief
20 Clerk to develop procedures necessary to maintain this
21 payroll file information on a current basis. All payroll
22 changes shall be reflected by the next appropriate payroll
23 period providing said change is received in the office of the
24 Chief Clerk prior to processing of the payroll.

25 (3) Reclassification of employees.--Any reclassification
26 of employees under the Senate of Pennsylvania Pay Management
27 Plan shall be submitted by the Senator or Officer authorizing
28 such reclassification to the Senate Committee on Management
29 Operations for approval or disapproval. The Senate Committee
30 on Management Operations is authorized to establish a

1 bipartisan subcommittee to consider and approve or disapprove
2 all such requests subject to an appeal by the Senator or
3 Officer for consideration of the reclassification by the
4 Senate Committee on Management Operations.

5 (c) Contract for services.--

6 (1) Service contracts.--For any person retained on a
7 contractual basis by any Officer or Senator to provide
8 services, the following documents shall be filed with the
9 office of the Chief Clerk:

10 (i) A copy of the contract signed by the authorizing
11 Senator or Officer including:

12 (A) Full name, address and Federal tax
13 identification number of the contractor.

14 (B) Duration of the contract.

15 (C) Maximum cost of the contract and terms of
16 payment.

17 (D) Clear, detailed description of the type of
18 service to be performed or product to be delivered.

19 (ii) The name of the Senator or Officer responsible
20 for monitoring the contractor's performance.

21 (iii) Additional information as required by policies
22 of the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

23 (2) Limitation on contracts.--Except as authorized by
24 policies of the Senate Committee on Management Operations, no
25 contract may extend beyond the expiration of the term of
26 office of the Senator.

27 (3) Contract review.--All contracts for services shall
28 be submitted to the Chief Clerk for review and approval
29 regarding conformity with applicable laws, rules and policies
30 adopted by the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

1 (4) Payment.--Payments under contract shall be made in
2 accordance with provisions of the contract provided that a
3 voucher for such payment is received in the office of the
4 Chief Clerk before the applicable processing deadline.

5 Contractor performance shall be reviewed by the monitoring
6 individual designated pursuant to paragraph (1)(ii), who
7 under conditions of satisfactory performance and conformity
8 to the contract shall approve the voucher prior to
9 processing.

10 (d) Authorized accounts.--Salaries, wages and related
11 benefits shall be paid from accounts so authorized by the
12 General Appropriation Act. The authorized accounts may pay
13 expenses related to contracts for services.

14 Rule 2. Travel allowances and reimbursements.

15 (a) Senator travel.--Travel allowances or reimbursements may
16 be paid to a Senator who is engaged in travel in the performance
17 of legislative duties. Except as provided in subsection (c),
18 Senators are not authorized to lease vehicles on a long-term
19 basis and no payments will be made with respect to long-term
20 lease vehicle expenses incurred by Senators. Travel payments may
21 be claimed in connection with the following:

22 (1) Mileage between home district and Harrisburg for
23 attendance at a session of the Senate.

24 (2) Round trip travel between home district and
25 Harrisburg for other legislative activities.

26 (3) All travel in the Commonwealth for legislative
27 business.

28 (4) All travel to attend committee meetings, hearings,
29 conferences and seminars.

30 (b) Employee travel.--Travel reimbursement may be paid to

1 employees engaged in travel while away from their primary
2 workplace provided that the travel is necessary for the
3 performance of official business. Except as provided in
4 subsection (c), employees are not authorized to lease vehicles
5 on a long-term basis, and no payments will be made with respect
6 to long-term lease vehicle expenses incurred by employees. When
7 away from the Harrisburg area and from their workplace,
8 employees may, subject to approval of the supervising Senator or
9 officer, rent cars on a short-term basis for a period not in
10 excess of that needed to carry out official business.

11 (c) Rental of vehicle or conveyance.--

12 (1) Short-term rental of vehicle or conveyance.--A
13 Senator whose Senate-provided leased vehicle is unavailable
14 may be reimbursed the actual legislative percentage expenses
15 for a short-term rental. A Senator or employee who rents a
16 vehicle or conveyance on a short-term basis, other than a
17 Senator's temporary replacement of a Senate-provided leased
18 vehicle, may be reimbursed only on an actual cost basis for
19 the legislative percentage of rental payments and expenses of
20 operation.

21 (2) Long-term vehicle rental by Chief Clerk.--The Chief
22 Clerk is authorized to enter into a master lease agreement
23 with the Department of General Services for the long-term
24 lease of automobiles to be used by Senators and in the
25 operation of the Senate. The actual expenses of the lease and
26 operation shall be paid by the Senate's Incidental Expense
27 Account.

28 (d) Allowable transportation expenses.--

29 (1) Common or chartered carrier.--A Senator or employee
30 may be reimbursed for reasonable actual costs of carriage

1 when traveling by common or chartered carrier, including
2 expenses for parking, taxis, limousines and tolls. Claims for
3 payment based on miles traveled cannot be paid.

4 (2) Personal vehicle or conveyance.--A Senator or
5 employee who uses a personal vehicle may be reimbursed on
6 such mileage basis as may be established by the Senate
7 Committee on Management Operations. Reimbursement for use of
8 other noncommercial vehicles or noncommercial aircraft shall
9 be made on such basis as may be established by the Senate
10 Committee on Management Operations.

11 (3) Out-of-State travel.--

12 (i) Nonmember Officers of the Senate and their
13 employees may claim expenses for travel outside the
14 Commonwealth, provided that such travel is approved in
15 the manner described in Rule 11. All claims for Senators'
16 and employees' travel outside the Commonwealth shall be
17 filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk in the manner
18 described in Rule 11.

19 (ii) Senators and their employees may claim ordinary
20 and necessary expenses for travel outside the
21 Commonwealth provided that the travel is necessary to
22 attend a conference, seminar or meeting regularly or
23 specially scheduled by an organization which conference,
24 seminar or meeting has a legislative purpose. Senators
25 and their employees shall submit a copy of a registration
26 and agenda, in addition to any other documentation
27 required by these rules.

28 (iii) Senators may also claim ordinary and necessary
29 expenses for travel outside the Commonwealth when the
30 travel has a legislative purpose, but is not for

1 attending a conference, seminar or meeting, provided the
2 purpose is approved by the Senate Committee on Management
3 Operations, and provided further that approval is not
4 required for legislative business in Washington, DC.

5 (4) No duplication.--If a Senator or employee is
6 entitled to reimbursement from more than one source for
7 legislative business performed on behalf of more than one
8 committee or group, payment shall be received from only one
9 source.

10 (e) Documentation.--

11 (1) Expense voucher.--All requests for travel payments
12 must be made on an expense voucher showing:

13 (i) Dates of travel.

14 (ii) Legislative purpose of travel described in
15 reasonable specificity. Claims for out-of-State travel
16 shall also include such information as may be required
17 under subsection (d) (3).

18 (iii) The number of miles traveled when claiming
19 reimbursement on a mileage basis. Such mileage claims
20 also should reflect an itinerary including point of
21 origin, furthest destination, and intermediate points and
22 the legislative purpose of the trips.

23 (2) Receipts.--Receipts must be submitted to support the
24 cost associated with claims for:

25 (i) Travel by common or chartered carrier.

26 (ii) Leased vehicle or conveyance operation.

27 Receipts for gasoline and maintenance shall include the
28 license number of the vehicle and the location of the
29 purchase.

30 (iii) Parking, limousine, toll charges and other

1 miscellaneous incidental items when any of these items
2 exceeds \$25.

3 (f) Authorized accounts.--Travel payments can be made from
4 any of the following accounts. Long-term vehicle or conveyance
5 rental payments may be made from all accounts except paragraph
6 (5). Authorized accounts are:

7 (1) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

8 (2) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.

9 (3) Incidental Expense Account.

10 (4) Caucus Operations Accounts.

11 (5) Committee and Contingent Expenses Accounts.

12 (6) Computer Services Accounts.

13 Rule 3. Meals and lodging.

14 (a) General.--A Senator may receive payments attributable to
15 ordinary and necessary expenses for meals, lodging and
16 incidental items provided that the Senator is engaged in the
17 performance of legislative duties. Depending on the nature and
18 location of the activity, as explained below, payments may be
19 made in one of the following forms: per diem allowance or
20 reimbursement for actual costs incurred.

21 (b) Per diem allowance.--

22 (1) A per diem allowance is an allowance for meals and
23 lodging expenses incurred in the course of a Senator's
24 duties. It is paid in lieu of reimbursement for actual
25 expenses in accordance with Internal Revenue Service
26 regulations. A Senator is entitled to receive a full or
27 partial per diem allowance for each day the Senator is in the
28 performance of legislative duties while in the Harrisburg
29 area (defined as within Dauphin County or otherwise within a
30 10-mile radius of the Capitol) or elsewhere in the

1 Commonwealth but away from home. Specific legislative duties
2 include attendance at sessions of the Senate, attendance at
3 official committee meetings and participation in all other
4 activities necessary or appropriate to the carrying out of
5 the responsibilities of the Senator. Payment of a per diem
6 allowance is authorized only when the legislative duties
7 performed by the Senator occur more than 50 miles from the
8 Senator's residence.

9 (2) Types of per diem allowance.--

10 (i) A full per diem allowance not to exceed such
11 amount as may be established by the Senate Committee on
12 Management Operations may be claimed as an allowance for
13 meals and lodging and is in lieu of reimbursement for
14 actual expenses.

15 (ii) When the per diem entitlement derives from the
16 performance in the Harrisburg area of the specified
17 legislative duties set forth in paragraph (1), a Senator
18 may receive a partial per diem allowance in accordance
19 with policy established by the Senate Committee on
20 Management Operations for meals and incidentals.

21 (c) Actual costs.--A Senator may claim actual costs for
22 lodging, meals and other incidental items incurred in the
23 performance of legislative duties in lieu of a per diem
24 allowance. Expense claims for costs of lodging, meals and other
25 incidental expenses incurred in the performance of legislative
26 duties outside of the Commonwealth may be reimbursed on an
27 actual expense basis or through a per diem allowance.

28 (d) Employees' travel.--If an employee is engaged in travel
29 away from the normally assigned place of work necessary for the
30 performance of official business, the employee may be reimbursed

1 for ordinary and necessary actual expenses for lodging, meals
2 and other incidental items. For rules regarding out-of-State
3 travel, see Rule 11.

4 (e) Payment from one source.--If a Senator is entitled to a
5 meal and lodging claim from more than one source for legislative
6 business performed on behalf of more than one committee or
7 group, payments shall be received from only one source.

8 (f) Review.--All authorized and approved meals and lodging
9 claims shall be reviewed for inadvertent duplication by the
10 Office of the Chief Clerk prior to processing and payment.

11 (g) Recordkeeping.--Where a per diem allowance or
12 reimbursement is paid by a legislative service agency cofunded
13 between both Houses of the General Assembly, a copy of the
14 approved claim shall be furnished to the Office of the Chief
15 Clerk.

16 (h) Documentation.--

17 (1) Per diem allowance.--For payment of a per diem
18 allowance, a Senator must submit a voucher showing the date,
19 the legislative activity in which the Senator was engaged on
20 that date, the location of the activity and an affirmative
21 statement that the Senator incurred overnight lodging
22 expense.

23 (2) Actual expenses of a Senator or an employee.--For
24 payment of actual expenses, a Senator or employee must submit
25 a voucher showing the date, amount, place and the legislative
26 activity in which the Senator or employee was engaged and
27 must submit a vendor or credit card receipt or invoice for
28 each item exceeding \$10. Tips for meals may not exceed 20% of
29 the value of the meal.

30 (i) Authorized accounts.--

1 (1) Payments shall be made from the Incidental Expense
2 Account for authorized per diem allowances only for sessions
3 of the Senate during which a Senator is recorded as present
4 on any roll call vote.

5 (2) Payment may be made from the following accounts for
6 other authorized per diem, meal and lodging claims:

7 (i) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

8 (ii) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense
9 Accounts.

10 (iii) Incidental Expense Account.

11 (iv) Caucus Operations Accounts.

12 (v) Committee and Contingent Expenses Accounts.

13 (vi) Computer Services Accounts for actual expenses
14 only.

15 Rule 4. Equipment and furnishing control and inventory.

16 (a) Purchases, improvements and renovations.--The Office of
17 the Chief Clerk shall act as the sole agent for improvements or
18 renovations to Senate facilities at the Capitol Complex and for
19 the purchase, rental, control and inventory of durable
20 equipment, furniture and furnishings with a useful life of one
21 year or more and a cost greater than the limit established by
22 the Senate Committee on Management Operations for utilization in
23 both the Capitol and District Offices. Nonrecoverable items
24 including, but not limited to, carpeting, draperies and air
25 conditioners for use in and improvements or renovations to
26 district office facilities shall be purchased pursuant to
27 standards developed by the Senate Committee on Management
28 Operations.

29 (b) Approval of purchase or rental.--All requests for the
30 purchase or rental of such equipment, furniture and furnishings

1 must be reviewed and approved by the Chief Clerk.

2 (c) Senate inventory.--All approved requests shall be
3 processed by the Office of the Chief Clerk, which shall maintain
4 a full and current inventory of all durable equipment, furniture
5 and furnishings secured on behalf of a Senator, Officer or
6 employee of the Senate.

7 (d) Pricing and service.--The Chief Clerk shall take all
8 necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that the purchase or
9 rental of durable equipment, furniture and furnishings with a
10 useful life of one year or more and a cost greater than the
11 limit established by the Senate Committee on Management
12 Operations shall be transacted at the lowest available price for
13 the quality, compatibility, availability and service of the
14 items being purchased or leased.

15 (e) Documentation required.--Required documentation shall
16 include:

- 17 (1) Request for purchase or rental showing:
- 18 (i) Date of request.
 - 19 (ii) Item requested.
 - 20 (iii) By whom request made.
 - 21 (iv) Purpose.
 - 22 (v) Signature approvals.
 - 23 (vi) Record of subsection (d) actions taken.
- 24 (2) Vendor's invoice or receipt detailing:
- 25 (i) Date of purchase or rental.
 - 26 (ii) Vendor's identity.
 - 27 (iii) Description of item purchased or rented.
 - 28 (iv) Length of rental contract when applicable.
 - 29 (v) Cost and payment terms of the purchase or
30 rental.

1 (f) Authorized accounts.--Authorized accounts shall include:

2 (1) Legislative and Printing Expense Account.

3 (2) Computer Services Accounts.

4 (3) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.

5 (4) Chief Clerk Employees' Salary and Expense Account.

6 Rule 5. District office expenses.

7 (a) Authorized expenses.--Expenses authorized shall include:

8 (1) Aggregate office rental in accordance with policies
9 as may be established by the Senate Committee on Management
10 Operations. No Senator, nor a member of the Senator's
11 immediate family, may have a financial interest in a district
12 office. For purposes of this paragraph, a financial interest
13 shall not include ownership in a publicly traded investment
14 vehicle, including a corporation, mutual fund, REIT or
15 limited liability partnership in which the Senator or a
16 member of the Senator's immediate family is not a managing
17 partner. Prior to entering into a district office lease
18 agreement, the Chief Clerk shall obtain and maintain a
19 written verification from the Senator that neither the
20 Senator nor a member of the Senator's immediate family has a
21 financial interest in the property. This Rule shall not
22 prohibit a district office from being located in a building
23 in which a Senator or a member of the Senator's immediate
24 family has a financial interest if rent, utilities or any
25 expenses that may inure to the benefit of the property or
26 landlord are not paid for by the Senate.

27 (2) Insurance.

28 (3) Printing services.

29 (4) Telephone and data services.

30 (5) Postage and mailing services.

- 1 (6) Publications and subscriptions.
- 2 (7) Nondurable supplies.
- 3 (8) Senator, employee and visitor parking.
- 4 (9) Janitorial maintenance and cleaning services.
- 5 (10) Utility services.
- 6 (11) Other items authorized for expenses as defined in
- 7 the General Appropriations Act and policies of the Senate
- 8 Committee on Management Operations.

9 (b) Documentation required.--A copy of the district office
10 lease indicating the amount and payment terms shall be
11 maintained in the Office of the Chief Clerk. Vouchers shall
12 appropriately document expenses and legislative purpose for each
13 expenditure. Receipts or invoices shall be included for all
14 expenditures in excess of \$25 per occurrence.

15 (c) Authorized accounts.--Accounts authorized include:

- 16 (1) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.
- 17 (2) Chief Clerk Employees' Salary and Expense Account.
- 18 (3) Legislative and Printing Expense Account.
- 19 (4) Computer Services Accounts.
- 20 (5) Caucus Operations Accounts.
- 21 (6) Postage and Communication Expense Account of the
- 22 Chief Clerk.

23 Rule 6. Capitol office expenses.

24 (a) Types of expenses authorized.--Expenses authorized shall
25 include:

- 26 (1) Utility services.
- 27 (2) Insurance.
- 28 (3) Printing services.
- 29 (4) Telephone and data services.
- 30 (5) Postage and communication.

- 1 (6) Publications and subscriptions.
- 2 (7) Nondurable supplies.
- 3 (8) Employee parking.
- 4 (9) Janitorial maintenance and cleaning services.
- 5 (10) Other items authorized for expenses as defined in
- 6 the General Appropriations Act and policies of the Senate
- 7 Committee on Management Operations.

8 (b) Documentation required.--Documentation required shall
9 include vouchers appropriately documenting expenses and
10 legislative purpose for each expenditure. Receipts or invoices
11 shall be included for all expenditures in excess of \$25 per
12 occurrence.

13 (c) Authorized accounts.--Accounts authorized include:

- 14 (1) Legislative Printing and Expense Account.
- 15 (2) Postage and Communication Expense Account of the
- 16 Chief Clerk.
- 17 (3) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.
- 18 (4) Appropriations Committee Accounts.
- 19 (5) Caucus Operations Accounts.
- 20 (6) Committee and Contingent Expenses Accounts.
- 21 (7) Incidental Expense Account.
- 22 (8) Computer Services Accounts.

23 Rule 7. Official expenses.

24 (a) General.--While engaged in the performance of
25 legislative duties, a Senator, Officer or employee expressly
26 authorized by a Senator may claim actual expenses as set forth
27 below.

28 (b) Participation in conferences and seminars.--Expenses,
29 such as registration fees, incurred in participating in
30 legislative conferences and seminars may be claimed. Related

1 travel expenses incurred are discussed in Rule 2. Related meals
2 and lodging expenses incurred are discussed in Rule 3.

3 (c) Conducting meetings.--Expenses attributable to
4 conducting legislative meetings or performing official duties
5 may be claimed. Such expenses may include:

6 (1) Food and refreshment which are ordinary to the
7 performance of a Senator's legislative duties, and for which
8 there is a legislative purpose. In general, these expenses
9 will be incurred during, immediately preceding or immediately
10 following a substantial and bona fide legislative business
11 discussion.

12 (2) Meeting room rental.

13 (3) Incidental items.

14 (d) Documentation.--

15 (1) Participation in conferences and seminars.--Vouchers
16 shall show the amount, date, place and legislative purpose.
17 An agenda, and a registration form or other receipts, must be
18 attached.

19 (2) Meeting expenses.--Vouchers of meeting expenses
20 shall include documentation regarding the amount, date, place
21 and legislative purpose. If a meeting expense is claimed by a
22 Senator or employee, the portion of the voucher amount
23 attributable to that Senator or employee shall be indicated.
24 A receipt or invoice shall be attached to the voucher.

25 (3) Official duty expenses.--Vouchers shall show or
26 reference to records which show the amount, date, place,
27 legislative purpose and if claimed by a Senator or employee,
28 the portion of the expense amount attributable to the Senator
29 or employee. Restaurant, hotel or credit card receipt or
30 invoices must be attached.

1 (4) Claims by Senate employees.--Vouchers involving any
2 official expenses claimed by Senate employees shall reflect
3 formal authorization by the supervising Senator or Officer.

4 (e) Authorized accounts.--Payments shall be made from the
5 following accounts:

6 (1) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

7 (2) Incidental Expense Account.

8 (3) Caucus Operations Accounts.

9 (4) Committee and Contingent Expenses Accounts.

10 (5) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expenses Accounts.

11 (6) Computer Services Accounts.

12 Rule 8. Special expenses.

13 (a) Authorized expenses.--Expenses authorized include:

14 (1) Flowers, baskets of fruit or other appropriate items
15 or memorial contributions to designated charities not to
16 exceed the amount established by the Senate Committee on
17 Management Operations. Recipients are limited to instances of
18 death or serious illness for Senators, Officers, employees or
19 their immediate families, or former Senators or their
20 immediate families, or deceased retired Senate employees, or
21 dignitaries including both incumbent or former elected or
22 appointed officials or their immediate families.

23 (2) Rental of common carrier and other expenditures
24 inherent thereto for attendance at funerals of a Senator or
25 members of a Senator's immediate family, former Senators,
26 dignitaries, or Officers.

27 (b) Documentation required.--Required documentation shall be
28 submitted by a member of leadership or nonmember officer and
29 shall include a receipt or vendor invoice showing: recipient,
30 instance, description of items delivered, date delivered and

1 cost.

2 (c) Authorized accounts.--Payment shall be made only from
3 the Incidental Expense Account.

4 Rule 9. Miscellaneous expenses of standing and special
5 committees.

6 (a) Committee proceedings.--Rental of meeting rooms and
7 hearing facilities and payments to qualified court reporters or
8 stenographers to record the proceedings authorized by the
9 chairman of a standing or special committee of the Senate,
10 including the cost of transcripts. Witnesses served with a
11 subpoena to testify before such proceedings shall be paid
12 witness fees and travel expenses as provided by 42 Pa.C.S. §
13 5903 (relating to compensation and expenses of witnesses).

14 (b) Printing and mailing.--Committee printing and mailing
15 costs for mailings relating to legislative business.

16 (c) Publications and subscriptions.--Publications and
17 subscriptions.

18 (d) Documentation required.--Vouchers or vendor receipts or
19 invoices stating vendor's name, services or amount of postage,
20 date, place, and total amount due or paid. Postage purchases
21 shall require a receipt from the Postmaster.

22 (e) Authorized accounts.--Accounts authorized include:

23 (1) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

24 (2) Caucus Operations Accounts.

25 (3) Committee and Contingent Expenses Accounts.

26 Rule 10. Senate Committee on Management Operations.

27 (a) Duties.--In addition to duties imposed by law or
28 otherwise by these rules, the duties of the Senate Committee on
29 Management Operations shall be:

30 (1) To arbitrate a decision of the Chief Clerk of the

1 Senate relating to these Rules, in the event that a Senator,
2 Officer or employee shall disagree with a decision of the
3 Chief Clerk of the Senate.

4 (2) To make a final decision in case of a dispute on a
5 question of legislative intent or legislative purpose
6 regarding an expenditure.

7 (3) To make a continuing review of these Rules as to
8 expenditures and the reporting of expenditures, and, from
9 time to time, to make such recommendations as are
10 appropriate.

11 (4) To adopt clarifications to these Rules through
12 interim policy determinations.

13 (b) Records.--A record of the committee's decisions shall be
14 maintained. The Chief Clerk shall be responsible for maintaining
15 such records.

16 Rule 11. Out-of-State travel.

17 (a) Request for approval.--No nonmember Officer of the
18 Senate or any employee of any nonmember Officer shall be
19 reimbursed nor shall any of his or her expenses be paid for any
20 travel outside the Commonwealth unless such travel has been
21 approved by the Executive Committee or a majority of the
22 membership of the Senate Committee on Management Operations. All
23 requests for such approval shall be made to the Chief Clerk, and
24 shall include information relating to the destination, the
25 estimated cost of such travel, the number of days involved, and
26 the relationship that the travel has to the duties of the
27 Officer or employee making the request. In the case of an
28 employee, the request shall also be approved by the Officer.

29 (b) Time limit for filing.--A copy of any request for
30 reimbursement or for the payment of any expenses relating to

1 out-of-State travel by a Senator or employee assigned to a
2 Senator shall be filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk within
3 30 days of such travel. Copies of these requests shall be made
4 available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief Clerk
5 in accordance with the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),
6 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

7 Rule 12. List of employees and document access.

8 (a) Publication and distribution.--

9 (1) The Chief Clerk shall publish quarterly a listing of
10 all employees of the Senate and its Officers, Committee
11 Chairmen, and Senators and all persons holding contracts for
12 services with the Senate or any of its Officers, Committee
13 Chairmen and Senators. The list for employees shall contain
14 the full name of the employee, the job title of the employee,
15 the compensation of the employee, and the name of the Senator
16 or Officer for such employee. For persons holding contracts
17 for services with the Senate, the list shall contain the name
18 of the contractor, the address of the contractor, a statement
19 of the nature of the duties of the contractor, and the fee of
20 the contractor as well as the name of the Senator or Officer
21 responsible for monitoring the performance of the contractor.

22 (2) The list shall be published by February 1, for the
23 quarter ending December 31; by May 1, for the quarter ending
24 March 31; by August 1, for the quarter ending June 30; and by
25 November 1, for the quarter ending September 30. The list
26 shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the
27 Chief Clerk in accordance with the act of February 14, 2008
28 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

29 (b) Public inspection of vouchers and requisitions.--All
30 vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures,

1 expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all
2 appropriated funds of the Senate shall be available for public
3 inspection in accordance with the act of February 14, 2008
4 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law. Payroll and
5 contracts for services shall also be made available for public
6 inspection in accordance with the Right-to-Know Law.

7 (c) Copies of records.--Copies of financial records
8 maintained in the Office of the Chief Clerk shall be made
9 available in accordance with the Right-to-Know Law.

10 (d) Quarterly posting.--The following apply:

11 (1) In addition to any other duty imposed on the Chief
12 Clerk under these rules, the Chief Clerk shall post a
13 quarterly list of the following expenses of the Senate on a
14 publicly accessible Internet website:

15 (i) Per diems for each member of the Senate.

16 (ii) Travel allowances and reimbursements made under
17 Rule 2.

18 (iii) Meals and lodging expenses made under Rule 3.

19 (iv) Equipment and furnishing control and inventory
20 expenses made under Rule 4.

21 (v) District office expenses made under Rule 5.

22 (vi) Capitol office expenses made under Rule 6.

23 (vii) Official expenses made under Rule 7.

24 (viii) Special expenses made under Rule 8.

25 (ix) Miscellaneous expenses of standing and special
26 committees made under Rule 9.

27 (2) The following information shall be included on the
28 list of expenses required under paragraph (1):

29 (i) The member or individual for whom the expense
30 was submitted, paid and reimbursed.

1 (ii) The date the expense was incurred, submitted,
2 paid and reimbursed.

3 (iii) The legislative purpose for the expense.

4 (iv) The account from which the expense was paid or
5 reimbursed.

6 (3) The list of expenses required under paragraph (1)
7 shall be in a format that is searchable by name, office,
8 account, date and any other format authorized by the Senate
9 Committee on Management Operations.

10 Rule 13. Personnel policies.

11 (a) Preparation of rules and regulations.--The Senate
12 Committee on Management Operations created pursuant to Section
13 1.1 of the act of January 10, 1968 (1967 P.L.925, No.417),
14 referred to as the Legislative Officers and Employes Law, is
15 authorized to prepare and adopt rules and regulations for
16 uniform personnel policies and procedures, job specification and
17 pay plans including periodic increments for Senate Officers and
18 employees.

19 (b) Approval of rules and regulations.--Each such rule or
20 regulation or any amendment thereto shall be prepared in
21 resolution form and shall be placed on the Senate calendar for
22 final approval or disapproval. The committee may when approved
23 by at least five Members of the committee including both Floor
24 Leaders implement such rules and regulations pending final
25 Senate consideration of them. Such resolution shall have the
26 force and effect of law in accordance with its terms when it has
27 been approved by the full Senate.

28 Rule 14. Operations Manual.

29 (a) Preparation and approval.--The Chief Clerk shall prepare
30 an Operations Manual of all rules, regulations, policies and

1 procedures which are promulgated by the Senate Committee on
2 Management Operations.

3 (b) Distribution.--Upon approval, applicable sections of the
4 Operations Manual shall be posted on the Chief Clerk's Intranet
5 site for access by all Senators, Senate Officers and Senate
6 employees.

7 (c) Maintenance and updating.--The Chief Clerk shall be
8 responsible for maintaining and updating this manual as a result
9 of revisions or amendments promulgated by the Senate Committee
10 on Management Operations.

11 Rule 15. Effect and duration.

12 (a) Current policies.--Policies of the Senate Committee on
13 Management Operations in effect on the date of the adoption of
14 these rules are hereby ratified and approved by the Senate.

15 (b) Applicability.--These rules provide guidance to
16 Senators, Senate Officers and Senate employees in performing
17 their duties in the Senate. The changes contained in these rules
18 are to be applied prospectively and are not intended to reflect
19 on the propriety of past rules or practices of the Senate or its
20 Senators, Officers or employees.

21 (c) Rules.--These rules shall be in full force and effect
22 until altered, changed, amended or repealed as provided in Rule
23 16.

24 Rule 16. Changes to rules.

25 The consent of a majority of the Senators elected shall be
26 necessary to alter, change or amend these rules.

27 Rule 17. Procedure for changing rules.

28 All alterations, changes or amendments to these rules shall
29 be by resolution which shall not be considered until first
30 referred to and reported from the Committee on Rules and

1 Executive Nominations.