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S. RES. 86

Relating to jurisdiction and authority of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Relating to jurisdiction and authority of the Committee on
Indian Affairs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

3 Section 105 of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to Feb-
4 ruary 4, 1977 (95th Congress), is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

7 “SEC. 105. (a)(1) There is established a Committee
8 on Indian Affairs (hereafter in this section referred to as
9 the ‘committee’) which shall consist of 18 members, 10
10 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon the
11 recommendation of the majority leader, from among mem-

1 bers of the majority party and 8 to be appointed by the
2 President of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the
3 minority leader, from among the members of the minority
4 party. The committee shall select a chairman and vice
5 chairman from among its members.

6 “(2) A majority of the members of the committee
7 shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of
8 business, except that the committee may fix a lesser num-
9 ber as a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony. The
10 committee shall adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent
11 with this section and the rules of the Senate governing
12 standing committees of the Senate.

13 “(3) Vacancies in the membership of the committee
14 shall not affect the authority of the remaining members
15 to execute the functions of the committee.

16 “(4) For purposes of paragraph (4) of rule XXV of
17 the Standing Rules of the Senate, service of a Senator
18 as a member or chairman of the committee shall not be
19 taken into account.

20 “(b)(1) All proposed legislation, messages, petitions,
21 memorials, and other matters relating to Native American
22 affairs shall be referred to the committee.

23 “(2) It shall be the duty of the committee to conduct
24 a study of any and all matters pertaining to problems and
25 opportunities of Native Americans, including but not lim-

1 ited to, Indian land management and trust responsibilities,
2 Indian education, health, special services, and loan pro-
3 grams, and claims against the United States.

4 “(3) The committee shall from time to time report
5 to the Senate, by bill or otherwise, on matters within its
6 jurisdiction.

7 “(c)(1) For the purposes of this section, the commit-
8 tee is authorized, in its discretion—

9 “(A) to make investigations into any matter
10 within its jurisdiction;

11 “(B) to make expenditures from the contingent
12 fund of the Senate;

13 “(C) to employ personnel;

14 “(D) to hold hearings;

15 “(E) to sit and act at any time or place during
16 the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the
17 Senate;

18 “(F) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the
19 attendance of witnesses and the production of cor-
20 respondence, books, papers, and documents;

21 “(G) to take depositions and other testimony;

22 “(H) to procure the services of individual con-
23 sultants or organizations thereof, in accordance with
24 the provisions of section 202(i) of the Legislative
25 Reorganization Act of 1946; and

1 “(I) with the prior consent of the Government
2 department or agency concerned and the Committee
3 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
4 able basis the services of personnel of any such de-
5 partment or agency.

6 “(2) The chairman of the committee or any member
7 thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.

8 “(3) Subpoenas authorized by the committee may be
9 issued over the signature of the chairman, or any member
10 of the committee designated by the chairman, and may
11 be served by any person designated by the chairman or
12 any member signing the subpoena.”.

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