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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

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United States Senate,

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Committee on Rules and Administration,

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Washington, D.C.

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The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 219, United

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States Capitol, Hon. Roy Blunt, presiding.

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**Present:** Senators Blunt, Alexander, Cochran, Shelby, Moore Capito,

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Wicker, Schumer, Durbin, Warner, Klobuchar, King.

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**Staff Present:** Stacy McBride, Staff Director; Shaun Parkin, Seputy Staff

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Director; Paul Vinovich, Chief Counsel; Jeff Johnson, Clerk; Matt McGowan,

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Professional Staff Member; Benjamin Grazda, Staff Assistant; Kelly Fado,

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Democratic Staff Director; Stacy Ettinger, Democratic Chief Counsel; Jay McCarthy,

15 Director of Operations Oversight; Ben Hovland, Counsel; Abbie Sorrendino,  
16 Legislative Assistant; Phillip Rumsey, Legislative Assistant; Leigh Schisler, Staff  
17 Assistant.

18 Chairman Blunt. We have the necessary Members present. The Committee  
19 will come to order. We need to do two things today – Senator Schumer and I are  
20 recommending the adoption of the Committee Rules of Procedure and an original  
21 resolution which will authorize funding for the Committee during the 114th Congress.

22 Senator Schumer and I are recommending no changes to the Committee  
23 Rules from the previous Congress, and the Committee's funding authorization is  
24 comparable to the allocation for fiscal year 2014. I would like to recognize Senator  
25 Schumer for any remarks he might like to make.

26 Senator Schumer. I would like to thank the Chairman and compliment him  
27 on his outstanding and speedy start.

28 Chairman Blunt. I move we adopt the Committee Rules of Procedure for the

29 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. Is there a second?

30 Senator Cochran. Second.

31 Chairman Blunt. All those in favor, say aye.

32 [Chorus of ayes.]

33 Chairman Blunt. All those opposed, say no.

34 Chairman Blunt. The ayes have it. The Committee Rules are adopted.

35 Now on the budget. I move that we adopt the authorizing resolution for the Rules

36 Committee budget. Senator Schumer, Is there a second?

37 Senator Schumer. Second.

38 Chairman Blunt. All those in favor, say aye.

39 [Chorus of ayes]

40 Chairman Blunt. All those opposed, say no.

41 Chairman Blunt. The ayes have it. The resolution is reported.

42 Chairman Schumer. Any other things that need to come before the

43 Committee? The Committee is adjourned, thank you all.

44 [Whereupon, at 12:11 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]