

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:04 a.m., in Room SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, Hon. Angus King, presiding.

Present: Senator King.

Staff Present: Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Kelly Fado, Deputy Staff Director, Professional Staff; Lynden Armstrong, Chief Clerk; Mary Suit Jones, Republican Staff Director; Shaun Parkin, Republican Deputy Staff Director; Paul Vinovich, Republican Chief Clerk; Shaun Parkin, Republican Deputy Staff Director; Matt McGowan, Professional Staff; Rachel Creviston, Republican Professional Staff; and Adam Topper, Rooms Coordinator.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR ANGUS S. KING Jr.

Senator KING. The Rules Committee will come to order. This is our first meeting of the 113th Congress, the Committee's organizational meeting. Welcome. There are two items on the agenda—the adoption of the Committee Rules of Procedure and an original resolution which will fund the Rules Committee during the 113th Congress. We currently do not have a quorum needed to adopt the Committee rules and approve the Committee budget. So, the Committee is recessed, subject to the call of the chair. We will let your office know when we will meet, hopefully off of the floor this afternoon, to vote on the items.

[Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the Committee was recessed to the call of the Chair.]

[The Committee reconvened on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 12:21 p.m., in Room S-219, United States Capitol, Hon. Charles E. Schumer, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.]

Present: Senators Schumer, Feinstein, Durbin, Pryor, Udall, Warner, Leahy, Klobuchar, King, Roberts, Chambliss, Shelby, and Blunt.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR SCHUMER

Chairman SCHUMER. The Rules Committee will come to order for the continuation of its organizational meeting. Good afternoon, thank you for coming. I would like to warmly welcome our new Ranking Member, Senator Roberts and our new Members, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Angus King, and Senator Ted Cruz. We have a legislative quorum of 10 members, so let's take our two

votes. Is there any further debate? I move we adopt by voice the Committee Rules of Procedure—is there a second?

Senator LEAHY. Second

Chairman SCHUMER. All in favor, say “aye”

[a chorus of “ayes.”]

Chairman SCHUMER. All opposed, say “nay”

[No response.]

Chairman SCHUMER. The “ayes” have it. Now, I move that we adopt by voice vote the 7-month authorizing resolution for the Rules Committee budget. Is there a second?

Senator FEINSTEIN. Second

Chairman SCHUMER. All in favor, say “aye.”

[Chorus of “ayes.”]

Chairman SCHUMER. All opposed, “nay.”

[No response.]

Chairman SCHUMER. The “ayes” have it. Since there is no further business, the Committee is adjourned and we thank you for making this meeting our most successful yet.

[Whereupon, at 12:24 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]