

RULE XI.—POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

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DECEMBER 8, 1887.—Referred to the Committee on Rules and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. SPRINGER submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

*Resolved*, That paragraphs 1 to 48, inclusive, of Rule XI be amended so as to read as follows:

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“POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

“All proposed legislation shall be referred to the committees named in the preceding rule, as follows, viz: Subjects relating,

- “1. to the election of members: to the Committee on Elections;
- “2. to the revenue and the bonded debt of the United States: to the Committee on Ways and Means;
- “3. to appropriation of the revenue for the support of the Government, as herein provided, viz, for legislative, executive, and judicial expenses; for sundry civil expenses; for fortifications; for the District of Columbia; for pensions; and for all deficiencies: to the Committee on Appropriations;
- “4. to judicial proceedings, civil and criminal law, and the revision of the laws: to the Committee on the Judiciary;
- “5. to banking and currency: to the Committee on Banking and Currency;
- “6. to coinage, weights, and measures: to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures;
- “7. to commerce, life-saving service, and light-houses, other than appropriations for life-saving service and light-houses: to the Committee on Commerce;
- “8. to the improvement of rivers and harbors and to the construction and improvement of canals: to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors;
- “9. to agriculture and forestry: to the Committee on Agriculture, who shall receive the estimates and report the appropriations for the Agricultural Department;
- “10. to the relation of the United States with foreign nations, including appropriations therefor: to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- “11. to the military establishment, the militia, and the public defense, including the appropriations for its support, and for that of the Military Academy: to the Committee on Military Affairs;
- “12. to the naval establishment, including the appropriations for its support: to the Committee on Naval Affairs;
- “13. to the post-office and post-roads, including appropriations for their support: to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

"14. to the lands of the United States: to the Committee on the Public Lands;

"15. to the relations of the United States with the Indians and the Indian tribes, including appropriations therefor: to the Committee on Indian Affairs;

"16. to Territorial legislation, the revision thereof, and affecting Territories or the admission of States: to the Committee on the Territories;

"17. to railways: to the Committee on Railroads;

"18. to the mining interests: to the Committee on Mines and Mining;

"19. to the public buildings and occupied or improved grounds of the United States, other than appropriations therefor: to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds;

"20. to education: to the Committee on Education;

"21. to and affecting labor: to the Committee on Labor;

"22. to patents, copy-rights, trade-marks, and manufactures: to the Committee on Patents;

"23. to general laws relating to pensions: to the Committee on Pensions;

"24. to private pension acts: to the Committee on Invalid Pensions;

"25. to private and domestic claims and demands, other than war claims, against the United States: to the Committee on Claims;

"26. to claims arising from any war in which the United States has been engaged; to the Committee on War Claims;

"27. to private claims to lands: to the Committee on Private Land Claims;

"28. to the District of Columbia, other than appropriations therefor: to the Committee for the District of Columbia;

"29. The examination of the accounts and expenditures of the several Departments of the Government and the manner of keeping the same; the economy, justness, and correctness of such expenditures; their conformity with appropriation laws; the proper application of public moneys; the security of the Government against unjust and extravagant demands; retrenchment; the enforcement of the payment of moneys due to the United States; the economy and accountability of public officers; the abolishment of useless offices; the reduction or increase of the pay of officers, shall all be subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Expenditures.

"30. All proposed action touching the rules and joint rules shall be referred to the Committee on Rules.

"31. Touching the expenditure of the contingent fund of the House, the auditing and settling of all accounts which may be charged therein by order of the House, and the ascertainment of the travel of members of the House (which shall be reported to the Sergeant-at-Arms): to the Committee on Accounts.

"32. Touching the Library of Congress, statuary, and pictures: to the Joint Committee on the Library.

"33. All proposed legislation or orders touching printing shall be referred to the Joint Committee on Printing on the part of the House.

"34. The enrollment of engrossed bills: to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills."