

# United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Republican Senators  
**From:** Majority Leader Lott   
**Re:** Result of Senator Jefford's new caucus affiliation  
**Date:** May 24, 2001

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The following events will now occur in the approx. order as listed, as a result of Senator Jeffords changing his party affiliation.

- ▶ As of the close of business on Tuesday, June 5, (or a later date if the reconciliation/tax bill has not been transmitted to the President), Senator Daschle and the Democratic Leadership become the Majority Leadership in the Senate. This is an automatic action which does not require any Senate action or resolution electing Senator Daschle or his Leadership.
- ▶ As of the close of business on Tuesday, June 5, (or later as described above), the current Democratic Ranking members of all committees automatically assume the Chairmanship of their respective Committees and the current Republican Chairman automatically assume the Ranking Member position. This is also an automatic action which does not require any Senate action or resolution.

- ▶ **As of the close of business on Tuesday, June 5, (or later as described above), all funds allocated to the Chairman of the committees as a result of the committee funding resolution, S. Res. 54 would immediately be available to the Democratic Chairman and the funds allocated to the Ranking members would be immediately available to the Republican Ranking members.**
- ▶ **As of the close of business on Tuesday, June 5, (or later as described above), all committee assignments (except Chairman/Ranking positions) designated for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress are no longer in effect. All committee assignments from the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress are immediately reinstated. Therefore, all Freshman Senators, Republicans and Democrats, do not have committee assignments.**
- ▶ **As of the close of business on Tuesday, June 5, (or later as described above) all other effects of S. Res .8, the resolution relative to procedures for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, are immediately null and void, with the exception of the automatic switch with respect to Chairman and Ranking members.**

**The voided items include:**

- ◆ **equal membership on all committees**
- ◆ **Leadership motions to discharge executive and calendar items in the event of tie votes**
- ◆ **Chairman's ability to advance agenda items within a committee in the event of a tie vote in subcommittee**

- ◆ **Filing of cloture not in order on amendable items prior to 12 hours of debate**
  - ◆ **Both Leaders shall seek equal balance of the interests of both parties when scheduling and debating legislative and executive items**
  - ◆ **Moving to proceed to legislative or executive items shall continue to be considered the prerogative of the Majority Leader**
- **Any time after the close of business on June 5, (or later as described above) a Senate resolution organizing the new 107<sup>th</sup> Congress membership would be in order to be offered traditionally by the Majority Leader or both Leaders. This resolution would establish the committee ratios and committee members for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. The procedure for Senate consideration of the resolution would be the following:**
- 1. The motion to proceed to this item would not be debatable**
  - 2. A roll call vote could be requested on the motion to proceed. A majority vote is necessary for adoption of the motion to proceed**
  - 3. Once pending, the resolution is fully debatable**
  - 4. Once pending, the resolution is amendable with amendments changing committee members, committee ratio numbers, etc...No legislative language would be in order to this resolution**

- 5. If a filibuster were to occur, by debate or amendment, cloture motions could be filed. All provisions of Rule 22 would be in effect and it would require 60 votes to invoke cloture on the resolution**
- 6. A simple majority vote is required for adoption of this resolution**

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