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23 same shall first have been approved by the Committee on
24 Rules and Administration.

1 (c) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate
2 shall (1) employ such staff as may be necessary, working in
3 conjunction with the Senate Recording and Photographic
4 Studios, to operate and maintain all broadcast audio and
5 color video equipment installed pursuant to this resolution,
6 (2) make audio and video tape recordings of Senate proceed-
7 ings, (3) make copies of such recordings available, upon pay-
8 ment to him of a fee fixed therefor by the Committee on
9 Rules and Administration, to Members of the Senate and to
10 each person described in subsection (b)(1) and (3) of section 2
11 of this resolution, and (4) retain for ninety days after the day
12 any Senate proceedings took place such recordings thereof,
13 and as soon thereafter as possible, transmit to the Librarian
14 of Congress and to the Archivist of the United States copies
15 of such recordings: *Provided*, That the Sergeant at Arms and
16 Doorkeeper of the Senate, in carrying out the duties specified
17 in clauses (1) and (2) of this subsection, shall comply with
18 appropriate Senate procurement and other regulations.

19 (d) The Librarian of Congress and the Archivist of the
20 United States shall each receive, store, and make available to
21 the public, at no cost for viewing or listening on the premises
22 where stored and upon payment of a fee equal to the cost
23 involved through distribution of taped copies, recordings of
24 Senate proceedings transmitted to them by the Sergeant at
25 Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

1 SEC. 5. (a) As soon as practicable after the necessary
2 equipment has been installed, there shall begin a test period
3 during which tests of radio and television coverage of Senate
4 proceedings shall be conducted by the staffs of the Committee
5 on Rules and Administration and of the Office of the Ser-
6 geant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. Such test
7 period shall end on such date as may be agreed upon by the
8 majority leader, the minority leader, the chairman of the
9 Committee on Rules and Administration, and the ranking mi-
10 nority member of such committee.

11 (b) During such test period—

12 (1) final procedures for camera direction control
13 shall be established,

14 (2) coverage of Senate proceedings shall not be
15 transmitted, except that, at the direction of the chair-
16 man of the Committee on Rules and Administration,
17 such coverage may be transmitted over the coaxial
18 cable system of the Architect of the Capitol, and

19 (3) recordings of Senate proceedings shall be
20 made and retained by the Sergeant at Arms and Door-
21 keeper of the Senate.

22 SEC. 6. The use of tape duplications of broadcast cover-
23 age of the proceedings of the Senate for political or commer-
24 cial purposes is strictly prohibited; and any such tape duplica-

1 tion furnished to any person shall be made on the condition
2 that it not be used for political or commercial purposes.

3 SEC. 7. Any changes in the regulations made by this
4 resolution shall be made only by Senate resolution. However,
5 the Committee on Rules and Administration may adopt such
6 procedures and such regulations, which do not contravene
7 the regulations made by this resolution, as it deems necessary
8 to assure the proper implementation of the purposes of this
9 resolution and S. Res. 20, Ninety-seventh Congress.

10 SEC. 8. Such funds as may be necessary (but not in
11 excess of \$3,500,000) to carry out this resolution shall be
12 expended from the contingent fund of the Senate.

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