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Dear Colleague:

As Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, I am pleased to announce the printing of the updated October 2010 edition of the *United States Senate Handbook*. The *Senate Handbook* is a compilation of the policies and regulations governing office administration, equipment and services, security and financial management. In addition, the electronic version of the Handbook and all updates are available on the Committee's web site on Webster.

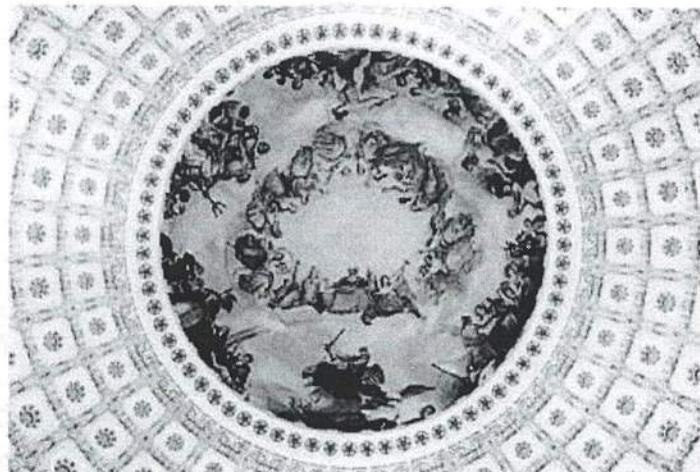
I am sure that you will find the *Senate Handbook* a valuable resource. If you have any further questions regarding *Senate Handbook* or the policies and regulations contained in this edition, please contact Committee staff at 4-6352.

Sincerely,



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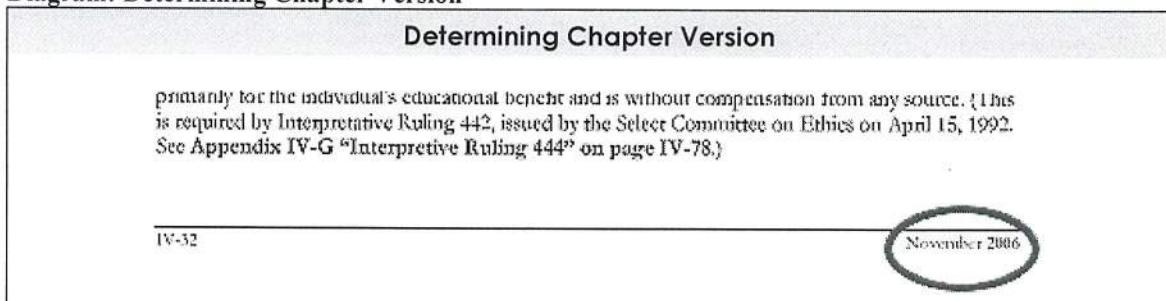
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