

MODEL COMMITTEE RULE CHANGE

This model Committee Rules of Procedure amendment is intended to serve as a template for all Senate committees to adopt in the appropriate form, requiring all cabinet/high-level nominees to provide the committee with three years of tax returns as part of the nomination review process.

1 Title: Amending the Rules of Procedure of [] Committee
2 of the Senate to require certain nominees to submit
3 certain tax information upon request of the committee.

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6 Resolved,

7 SECTION 1. COMMITTEE
8 CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES.

9 Rule [] of the Rules of Procedure of [] Committee of
10 the Senate is amended by adding the following []:

11 “[]. (a) In considering a nomination, the committee
12 shall conduct an investigation or review of the nominee’s
13 experience, qualifications, and suitability, to serve in the
14 position to which he or she has been nominated. To aid in
15 such investigation or review, each nominee may be
16 required to submit a sworn detailed statement including
17 biographical, financial, policy, and other information
18 (including tax returns of the nominee) which the
19 committee may request. Subject to subparagraph (b), the
20 committee may specify which items are to be received on
21 a confidential basis.

22 “(b) As part of an investigation or review with respect
23 to a cabinet-level nominee under subparagraph (a), the
24 committee shall require that the nominee provide the
25 committee with the individual tax returns of the nominee
26 for the 3 years preceding the nomination. Such tax
27 returns shall be considered as confidential, except that the
28 Chairman and Ranking Member may jointly issue a
29 public statement or report regarding any matters in the
30 individual tax returns that reflect on the nominee’s fitness

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1 for the office to which he or she was nominated.”.