

TO: SENATOR CHURCH

RE: PERMANENT STATUS FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

January 7, 1974

Reasons for Permanent Status

1. The Committee has been in existence for 13 years.
2. The Committee was supposed to become permanent under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970; however, because of an oversight, the Committee was overlooked. Stan Kimmitt (Secretary for the Majority) has repeatedly urged us to take this action.
3. If the Committee had permanent status, we could be considered in the planning for office space during the expansion of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.
4. When the Committee appears before the Rules Committee in the future, a request for less funds could be made because we could be entitled automatically to six professionals, six clerical staff, and \$10,000 in operating expenses.

Strategy Recommended by Legislative Counsel, Larry Monaco

1. Rewrite basic resolution, with the Committee to be continued as a permanent Committee.
2. Notify the Rules Committee of our desire to become a permanent Committee, like the Small Business Committee. The Small Business Committee has been a permanent Committee since 1950.
3. Include a provision in the Legislative Appropriations bill or a Supplemental Appropriations bill to provide for authority for six professionals, six clerical staff, and \$10,000 in operating expenses (for 1975).
4. Language in the Rules Committee report for "grandfather rights" for existing members.

Further Questions for Larry Monaco

1. Whether there should also be a "grandfather rights" clause in our new resolution?
2. Whether we could make the effective date of the "six professionals-\$10,000 operating expense" provision July 1 or at an earlier date than March 1, 1975. Larry Monaco would make the effective date March 1, 1975 as a part of the fiscal 1975 Legislative Appropriations bill or the Fiscal 1975 Supplemental Appropriations bill.

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