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SENATE LEADERS ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS TO TASK FORCE ON CONGRESSIONAL COVERAGE

Senator Majority Leader George J. Mitchell and Republican Leader Bob Dole today announced the membership of a bipartisan task force to study the application of certain laws to the Senate.

"Last year the Senate implemented a law expanding the rights and protections of the Civil Rights Act to Senate employees," said Mitchell and Dole in a joint statement. "This task force will study other laws and how they might be applied to the Senate."

Named to the Bipartisan Task Force on Senate Coverage were: Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, Wendell Ford of Kentucky, Charles Grassley of Iowa, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Harry Reid of Nevada, and Ted Stevens of Alaska. Senators Mitchell and Dole are ex officio members of the task force.

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Created by the 1992 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, the task force will review laws to determine which can or should be appropriately applied to the Senate. The laws to be studied include the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, conflict statutes, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

The task force will make its recommendations to the Senate Leaders by September 1.

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