

## NOTICE

### RADIO AND TELEVISION STUDIO MORATORIUM

RE: Senate Ethics Manual, Page 173

On September 27, 2001 the Ethics Committee issued the following ruling:

In September 2000, not long before the biennial Federal election, questions arose about the proper application of Senate Rule 40's pre-election moratorium for candidates on use of the radio and television facilities operated by the Conference and the Policy Committee. At that time the Ethics Committee confirmed that the *bona fide* electronic news release exception, first recognized in a 1986 Committee ruling on Senate Rule 40, would be withdrawn and would not apply to the use of those facilities for the period of September 27, 2000 through November 7, 2000.

Having now fully considered the 1986 ruling, the Committee has concluded that the exception should be permanently withdrawn. Thus, the Conference and Policy Committee facilities as radio and television studios provided by the Senate are subject to the moratorium provided in paragraph 6 of the Rule in the same manner as the studios located in the Capitol.