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Senators say partisan newsletters OK



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It seems a [story I broke on Monday on senators' partisan mailings](#) has caused a bit of a fuss and has landed chair of the Senate's committee on internal economy, budgets and administration.

After reading the committee minutes, which are posted approximately twice yearly, I discovered the senator partisan when it comes to their newsletters.

Senators are not allowed to send highly partisan mailings. According to the Senate's administrative rules:

7. (2) No Senator shall request the copying or printing of material by the Senate that
- (a) is unrelated to the Senator's parliamentary functions;
 - (b) is in a form that is contrary to Senate official language policies;
 - (c) is an entire parliamentary publication, available elsewhere in substantially the same form;
 - (d) is illegal or defamatory; or
 - (e) is partisan because it is on party letterhead or includes a party logo, is a party publication, announcement, meeting or convention or invites persons to attend such a meeting or convention, solicits a party nomination.
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