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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE, That the

3 following be adopted as permanent rules:

4 **SENATE RULES**

5 **PRESIDENT**

6 1. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the  
7 Senate. The President shall take the Chair at the hour to which  
8 the Senate shall have adjourned, shall call the Senate to order,  
9 and on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed with the regular  
10 order of business.

11 2. The President shall preserve order and decorum, may speak  
12 to points of order in preference to other members, and shall  
13 decide all questions of order. The President's decision thereon  
14 shall be subject to an appeal to the Senate as provided in Rule  
15 112 and may be denied or sustained by a majority of those present  
16 and voting.







67           13. The Secretary shall insert in an appendix to the Journal  
68 the Rules of the Senate and the Joint Rules of the two (2)  
69 branches, and the constitutional provisions governing the powers  
70 and procedures of the Legislature.

71           14. The Secretary shall retain all bills, resolutions or  
72 other papers in reference to which any Senator has a right to move  
73 a reconsideration until the right to reconsideration has expired.  
74 This rule shall not apply when unanimous consent of the Senate  
75 shall be given to the Secretary to immediately transmit any such  
76 bill or resolution to the House of Representatives. However, the  
77 constitutional rights of Senators to enter motions to reconsider  
78 shall not be abridged.

79           15. In the event a bill or resolution is transmitted  
80 immediately to the House by unanimous consent and a proper motion  
81 to reconsider is later entered, it shall be the duty of the  
82 Secretary to recall by message such bill or resolution from the  
83 House, whereupon such bill or resolution shall take its proper  
84 place on the Calendar.

85           16. The Secretary shall keep a separate and distinct Journal  
86 of the proceedings of the Senate when in executive session.

87           17. The Secretary, with the approval of the Senate Rules  
88 Committee, shall provide for the appointment of Pages, whose  
89 salaries shall be fixed by the Rules Committee. Not more than six  
90 (6) Pages shall serve throughout the session as Senior Pages, and  
91 one (1) of these six (6) shall be designated as Head Page by the



Secretary. Nominations of Pages by members of the Senate shall be submitted to the Secretary as soon as possible so that they may be properly scheduled. Pages shall be not less than fourteen (14) years of age.

18. (Omitted)

#### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

19. There shall be an Assistant Secretary, and an additional Assistant Secretary when needed, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. The duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be comparable to those of the Secretary.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

20. The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be those enumerated in Section 5-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, and such other related duties as may be assigned by the Senate Rules Committee or the Senate. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected by the Senate and shall serve during the term of the Senate by which the Sergeant-at-Arms was elected \* \* \*. The Sergeant-at-Arms may be removed from office at any time by a vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Senate present and voting.

20A. (Omitted)

#### **TIME OF CONVENING**

21. The time of convening of the Senate, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Senators elected, shall be at ten o'clock a.m. each legislative day, except on Mondays when the



time shall be \* \* \* four o'clock p.m. and Fridays when the time  
shall be 9:00 a.m.; and there shall be no Saturday or Sunday  
meetings unless specifically ordered by a majority vote of the  
Senators elected.

#### QUORUMS

22. A quorum of the Senate shall consist of not less than  
twenty-seven (27) Senators.

23. A quorum of any standing committee, subcommittee or  
special committee shall consist of not less than a majority  
thereof.

24. Upon the appearance of lack of a quorum, the President  
or any Senator may demand a call of the Senate, but no such call  
shall be in order after the voting on any question has begun nor  
while any Senator is speaking. It shall be the duty of the  
Sergeant-at-Arms to search for absentee members and notify them of  
such call. By majority vote of Senators present and voting the  
Senate may direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to compel the attendance of  
absent Senators.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

25. The order of business shall be:

- (1) Roll Call
- (2) Invocation
- (3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United  
States of America
- (4) Reading of the Journal



142                   (5)   Presentation of petitions  
143                   (6)   Reports of standing committees  
144                   (7)   Reports of select committees  
145                   (8)   Introduction of bills and concurrent resolutions  
146                   (9)   Reference of bills and concurrent resolutions  
147                   (10)  Presentation of Senate resolutions  
148                   (11)  Unfinished business  
149                   (12)  Consideration of bills and resolutions  
150                   (13)  At midnight on a deadline day, the Senate clock  
151 shall determine the end of that calendar day regardless of whether  
152 the Senate is then operating under the previous question. Any  
153 measure pending before the Senate on a deadline upon which the  
154 final vote has not been both taken and announced shall  
155 automatically fail, and no announcement to the contrary may be  
156 made by the Chair. If the Senate clock is not in working order,  
157 the Presiding Officer shall keep the time.

158           26. When the order of unfinished business is reached, the  
159 unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of  
160 last adjournment shall have precedence in the consideration of  
161 bills and resolutions, except as to special orders which shall  
162 have precedence.

163           27. The order of business for any day may be changed by a  
164 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present and voting; but when  
165 the Senate shall have passed from one (1) order to another, no



166 action shall be had on those passed except by a two-thirds (2/3)  
167 vote of the members present and voting.

168 27A. No Senator shall be allowed to interrupt the business  
169 for purposes of introducing guests. At appropriate times during  
170 the transacting of business, the Presiding Officer shall announce  
171 an opportunity for the Senators to recognize and introduce their  
172 guests.

### 173 VISITORS

174 28. No person shall be entitled to enter upon the floor of  
175 the Senate while in session except the following persons: members  
176 and their immediate families; elected state officials; former  
177 members of the Legislature, unless the former member is a  
178 registered lobbyist; officers and employees of the Senate;  
179 members, officers and employees of the House of Representatives;  
180 joint legislative employees; ministers or other official guests  
181 invited by the President on behalf of the Senate; and such others  
182 as the Rules Committee may designate by name. The  
183 Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the Senate of all other visitors,  
184 with the exception of members of the news media with proper  
185 credentials issued by the Rules Committee, thirty (30) minutes  
186 before each session convenes and shall not allow other visitors on  
187 the floor of the Senate for ten (10) minutes after the session has  
188 recessed.

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quorum shall have convened, deems sufficient, in which case the expense shall be paid out of the Senate Contingent Fund.

33. Leave of absence may be granted to any Senator at his own request or at the request of another Senator.

34. No Senator shall entertain private discourse while the President is putting a question or addressing the Senate. Senators shall not be permitted to interrupt another while such other is speaking except by rising to call to order or as provided in Rule 69.

35. Members of the Senate, shall be held personally responsible for the return of bills, resolutions and other official records which they may receive from the Secretary's office.

35A. Whenever a Senator is on the floor of the Senate while the Senate is in session, each male Senator shall wear a coat and necktie, and each female Senator shall wear appropriate attire. Whenever a Senator is on the floor of the Senate while the Senate is in session, he or she shall not be allowed to smoke a cigarette, cigar or pipe or consume food.

35B. Smoking shall not be permitted in the Senate Chamber, the Senate Gallery or in any office of the New Capitol Building under the jurisdiction of the Senate at any time. As used in this rule, "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other



smoking product. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce the provisions of this Rule 35B.

35C. No person except for members of the news media with proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee may be admitted to the press table on the floor of the Senate for the purpose of transcribing the debates and proceedings of the Senate. No person except for news media with proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee shall take any photograph or transcribe debates and proceedings of the Senate in the Senate Gallery while the Senate is in session. No person shall be allowed to consume food or display any banner or sign in the Senate Gallery while the Senate is in session.

35D. Effective with the \* \* \* 2020 Regular Session, the Committee on Rules shall contract with the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, or another appropriate service, to \* \* \* webcast on the internet the regular floor proceedings of the Mississippi Senate \* \* \* and any committee meetings designated by the Rules Committee. During floor proceedings, cameras used in making such \* \* \* webcasts may only be allowed to show the Senator speaking at the podium and the Presiding Officer. Reporters and technicians to effectuate such \* \* \* webcasts may be admitted to the chamber and committee rooms for this purpose, but no camera, apparatus or procedure shall be used which will interfere with the usual procedure of the Senate, and all such \* \* \* webcasting shall be done from areas reserved or set aside for such activities by



265 the Committee on Rules. No such \* \* \* webcast shall be archived  
266 or recorded for future use by the Mississippi Senate \* \* \*.

267 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

268 36. The following shall be standing committees of the  
269 Senate:

270	Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	* * *	<u>11</u>	members
271	Agriculture.....		13	members
272	Appropriations.....		26	members
273	Business and Financial Institutions.....		13	members
274	Constitution.....		9	members
275	Corrections.....		11	members
276	County Affairs.....		9	members
277	Drug Policy.....		11	members
278	Economic <u>and Workforce</u> Development.....		11	members
279	Education.....		15	members
280	Elections.....		9	members
281	Energy.....		15	members
282	Environmental Protection, Conservation and			
283	Water Resources.....	* * *	<u>11</u>	members
284	Ethics.....		9	members
285	Finance.....		26	members
286	Forestry.....		9	members
287	<u>Gaming.....</u>		9	members
288	Highways and Transportation.....		19	members
289	Housing.....		7	members



290 Insurance.....13 members  
 291 Interstate and Federal Cooperation..... 5 members  
 292 Judiciary, Division A.....15 members  
 293 Judiciary, Division B.....15 members  
 294 Labor..... 9 members  
 295 Local and Private..... 5 members  
 296 Medicaid.....11 members  
 297 Municipalities.....11 members  
 298 Ports and Marine Resources.....11 members  
 299 Public Health and Welfare.....19 members  
 300 Public Property..... 7 members  
 301 Rules, as provided for in Rule 65  
 302 Technology.....7 members  
 303 Tourism.....11 members  
 304 Universities and Colleges.....13 members  
 305 Veterans and Military Affairs..... 7 members  
 306 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.....11 members

307 **JOINT COMMITTEES**

308 Executive Contingent Fund.....(5 Senators, 5 Representatives)  
 309 Investigate State Offices.....(9 Senators, 9 Representatives)  
 310 State Library.....(5 Senators, 5 Representatives)  
 311 Enrolled Bills.....(5 Senators, 5 Representatives)

312 **FUNCTION OF COMMITTEES**

313 37. Standing, select and conference committees shall be  
 314 appointed by the President.



315           38. The first member named on a committee shall be its  
316 chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman,  
317 unless it is specifically provided that they shall be elected.  
318 There shall be no further rank on the committees, the remaining  
319 members being listed thereon in alphabetical order. In the event  
320 of a vacancy in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, or  
321 membership, the vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the  
322 President.

323           39. Each committee shall, after its organization,  
324 immediately determine by a majority vote what number shall  
325 constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business,  
326 which quorum shall not be less than the majority required by Rule  
327 23, and shall report that action, together with the name of the  
328 secretary of the committee, to the Secretary of the Senate.

329           40. Committee chairmen and secretaries will be held  
330 responsible for the return of all bills, resolutions, papers and  
331 committee books taken from the Secretary of the Senate's office to  
332 the respective committee meetings.

333           41. A committee of the Senate shall report on the  
334 sufficiency of the titles of all bills and resolutions before  
335 their being put on final passage; and it shall be in order, before  
336 the passage of every bill or resolution, to move to commit or  
337 recommit for report upon the sufficiency of the title. Titles  
338 shall indicate clearly the subject matter of the proposed  
339 legislation.



340           42. When motions are made for reference of the same subject  
341 to a select committee and a standing committee, the motion for  
342 reference to a standing committee shall be first put.

343           43. The following named committees shall have preference at  
344 any time on matters herein stated, viz: the Committee on Rules,  
345 on rules, joint rules and order of business; the Committee on  
346 Enrolled Bills, on enrolled bills, except they shall not have  
347 precedence over appropriations and revenue bills (see Const. Sec.  
348 68); conference committees may report at any time, except they  
349 shall not have precedence over appropriations and revenue bills.

350           44. The chairman of the various standing committees shall  
351 announce or lay on the desk of the Secretary, to be read previous  
352 to adjournment each day, notice of the time and place of meeting  
353 of such committees, and all members of such committees shall be  
354 required to attend all such meetings, unless previously excused by  
355 the chairman. A quorum must be present when any bill, resolution  
356 or measure is reported by such committees. The names of those  
357 members present and of those absent must show in the record kept  
358 by the committee secretary at each meeting of a committee. The  
359 Secretary of the Senate shall post the time of committee meetings  
360 on the bulletin board provided for this purpose.

361           45. A committee's request to be discharged from further  
362 consideration of a subject, with or without recommendations that  
363 it be referred to another committee, shall be immediately  
364 considered.



46. No committee, except the Committee on Rules, shall absent itself from the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session, except by unanimous consent of the Senate.

47. No committee shall be allowed to occupy the Senate Chamber without an affirmative vote of a majority of the Senators present and voting, except the Committee on Rules.

47A. (Omitted)

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

48. A conference committee on the part of the Senate shall consist of three (3) Senators, unless otherwise ordered by majority vote of the Senate, and they shall be appointed as provided in Rule 37.

49. A motion to instruct conferees is not in order until their conference report has failed of adoption.

50. When a bill is sent to conference, only matters in disagreement between the Houses are subject to consideration by the conference committee. However, when one (1) House strikes out of a bill all after the enacting clause and inserts new germane text as an amendment thereto, the conferees may disregard the text of the original bill and the amendment and exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane text and may even report a new bill on the germane subject matter of the original bill.

51. No report from a conference committee or other joint committee shall be acted upon in the Senate unless subscribed to





390 by a majority of the members of the Senate acting on the  
391 committee. No matter reported on the recommendation of a joint  
392 committee or conference committee of the two (2) Houses shall be  
393 in order for consideration by the Senate if it shall appear that  
394 the members of such joint committee on the part of the Senate, if  
395 in attendance on the Legislature, shall not have been notified,  
396 and for that reason not present, when the matter was acted on by  
397 the committee.

398 52. Conference reports may not be (a) tabled, (b) referred  
399 to a committee, or (c) amended.

400 53. Mere changes in phraseology, without material alteration  
401 of the subject matter, are not sufficient to render a conference  
402 report subject to point of order that the conferees exceeded their  
403 authority.

404 54. It is legislatively recognized that it is the function  
405 of a conference committee to submit a compromise of the difference  
406 between the Houses, which might be acceptable to both, and liberal  
407 interpretation looking to that end is indicated.

408 55. When a conference report is called up, only three (3)  
409 courses are open: (a) adopt, (b) not adopt, or (c) recommit to  
410 the same or another conference committee, provided adoption of the  
411 report has not occurred in the House.

412 56. Should a point of order prevail against consideration of  
413 a conference committee report, the bill returns to the status it  
414 had before being sent to conference.



415           57. When conference results in disagreement, conferees  
416 reporting such disagreement are thereby discharged, and new  
417 conferees may be appointed.

418                           **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

419           58. Upon a motion supported by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of  
420 those Senators present and voting, the Senate may resolve itself  
421 into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill, concurrent  
422 resolution or measure; and if the Committee of the Whole reports  
423 such bill, concurrent resolution or measure favorably, it may be  
424 taken up immediately by a suspension of the rules; otherwise, it  
425 takes its place on the Calendar along with other favorably  
426 reported bills, concurrent resolutions and measures.

427           59. Motions for forming a Committee of the Whole for the  
428 immediate consideration of any Senate bill or resolution at the  
429 time of their introduction, or of House bills or resolutions at  
430 the time of their receipt from the House, except bills of local  
431 and private nature, should be made before such bills or  
432 resolutions are referred to standing committees, as provided by  
433 Rule 75.

434           60. In forming a Committee of the Whole, the President shall  
435 call some Senator to preside, and rules governing the Committee of  
436 the Whole shall be the rules of the Senate so far as they may be  
437 made applicable.

438           61. A Committee of the Whole may, during any session  
439 thereof, consider more than one (1) bill or resolution; no



440 additional bills or resolutions may be so considered unless the  
441 Senate has by a two-thirds (2/3) vote previously agreed thereto.

#### 442 **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

443 62. Special committees shall in all cases report to the  
444 Senate a state of facts and their opinion or recommendation on the  
445 subject matter referred to them. Such reports may on motion be  
446 incorporated in the Journal.

447 63. No Senator offering a motion or resolution for the  
448 appointment of a special committee shall be appointed chairman of  
449 such committee.

#### 450 **MINORITY REPORTS**

451 64. Bills and resolutions unfavorably reported by committees  
452 shall not be placed on the Calendar at all unless accompanied by a  
453 Minority Report signed by one or more members who were present at  
454 the committee meeting at which the bill or resolution was  
455 reported. Minority Reports must be filed within three (3)  
456 legislative days after the bill or resolution has been reported by  
457 the committee. Minority reported bills and resolutions shall be  
458 placed on the Calendar at the heel of favorably reported bills and  
459 resolutions and shall not be considered until all favorably  
460 reported bills and resolutions are disposed of, except by a vote  
461 of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senators present and voting.

#### 462 **RULES COMMITTEE**

463 65. (1) There shall be a standing Committee on Rules which  
464 shall consist of the President (who shall be a nonvoting member),



the President Pro Tempore, and four (4) Senators, each having served at least four (4) years in the Senate, one (1) from each Congressional District of the State as constituted on January 1, 2004, to be selected by the Senators from their respective congressional districts by caucus. The voting precinct of the Senator representing such district shall determine the congressional district caucus in which the Senator shall participate and for which the Senator may hold membership on the Rules Committee. The President Pro Tempore shall serve as chairman of the committee; the vice chairman shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore from among the Senators on the committee.

(2) The Rules Committee shall, in addition to the functions of a standing committee and any other responsibilities assigned by the Senate, perform the following duties:

(a) Conduct the business affairs of the Senate;

(b) Pursuant to authority granted in Section 29-5-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, assign such space in the Capitol or in such other buildings or parts thereof as may be reserved for the Senate and have complete control, authority and jurisdiction over such rooms, chambers, offices and other areas. Any assignment of space shall be subject to change by the Rules Committee. No other branch of the government, or a department or agency thereof, shall use any such room, chamber, office or other area without specific written authorization from the Rules



Committee. The Rules Committee may delegate its powers with regard to any such room, chamber, office or other area in connection with the use, maintenance, repairing, construction, reconstruction and refurbishing thereof in such a manner as it deems advisable;

(c) Assign staff for interim and special committees;

(d) Assign staff for standing committees;

(e) Continually assess ways and means to improve the organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the Senate;

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) for the staffing of the office of the President and the office of the President Pro Tempore, the Rules Committee shall have the authority to employ all personnel necessary to execute the duties and responsibilities of the Senate. Unless otherwise specifically provided, the Rules Committee shall have full and exclusive authority over the \* \* \* employees of the Senate \* \* \*. All such \* \* \* employees shall serve at the pleasure of the Rules Committee. Complaints with respect to any misconduct, inefficiency or omission by the Secretary, \* \* \* the Sergeant-at-Arms or employees of the Senate shall be heard by the Rules Committee, which may discharge the \* \* \* employees therefor and may recommend to the full Senate the discharge of the Secretary and the Sergeant-at-Arms;



515                   (g) Fix the salaries of the Senate officials and  
516 employees;

517                   (h) Assign news, radio and television reporters  
518 wishing to take down or broadcast the debates and proceedings of  
519 the Senate, places in the Senate so as not to interfere with the  
520 convenience of the Senate;

521                   (i) Authorize the reimbursement of Senators and  
522 Senate officials and employees who are required to travel in the  
523 performance of their official duties. The Rules Committee may  
524 establish regulations governing such travel which include the  
525 prior approval of such travel by the Rules Committee. Senators  
526 attending out-of-state conventions or conferences at state expense  
527 shall make a report to the Senate, including the purpose, work and  
528 recommendations resulting from the out-of-state meeting attended.  
529 If more than one (1) Senator attends such convention or  
530 conference, one (1) report may be made as the report of the  
531 delegation; and

532                   (j) Upon request of the chairman of any standing  
533 or select committee of the Senate, authorize expenses, to include  
534 per diem, mileage, meals and lodging, to be paid for members  
535 attending the meeting of any such committee or subcommittee  
536 thereof during the period in which the Legislature is not in  
537 session. The Rules Committee may adopt rules and regulations  
538 concerning time, places and number of meetings that may be held  
539 for which members will be compensated, such rules and regulations



to require prior approval of meetings in order for members to be compensated.

(3) The committee may designate the Secretary of the Senate to be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the duties assigned to the committee and for implementing the policies of the committee adopted pursuant to this rule.

(4) The committee shall function on a year-round basis; and, when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall receive the expense allowance and mileage reimbursement provided in Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972. No committee member may incur per diem, travel or expense allowance unless authorized by vote at a meeting of the committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee. The Rules Committee shall meet at such times as are necessary for the proper exercise of its functions and may adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the rules of the Senate, as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the committee. Action by a majority vote of the Rules Committee shall be conclusive on any matter properly within the jurisdiction of the committee.

(5) (a) In providing for the staffing of the President's office, the Rules Committee shall fill up to \* \* \* eight (8) positions when requested by the President, and the



persons employed for such positions shall be hired with the approval of the President. The President shall recommend the compensation to be paid to the President's staff, and the Rules Committee may pay the compensation so established.

(b) In providing for the staffing of the President Pro Tempore's office, the Rules Committee shall fill one (1) staff position as requested by the President Pro Tempore, and the person employed for such position shall be hired with the approval of the President Pro Tempore. The President Pro Tempore shall recommend the compensation to be paid to the person so employed, and the Rules Committee may pay the compensation so established.

(c) Persons employed under this subsection to staff the President's office shall serve at the will and pleasure of the President; persons employed to staff the President Pro Tempore's office shall serve at the will and pleasure of the President Pro Tempore.

(6) In providing for the staffing of committees, the Rules Committee shall have the responsibility for determining the necessity of any staff positions requested by the chairman of a committee.

(7) The Rules Committee shall cooperate with the House Management Committee in maintaining a Joint Legislative Printing Office and a Reference Library which shall contain, but shall not be limited to, study reports and information gathered by the





589 departments and the various committees of the Legislature so as to  
590 provide a continuity of information from year to year.

591 (8) The Rules Committee shall have the responsibility  
592 for the proper operation of the Senate Legislative Services  
593 Office.

594 (9) The Rules Committee shall have jurisdiction over  
595 any questions concerning improper or unethical conduct by members  
596 of the Senate.

597 (10) The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of  
598 this rule shall be paid from the Senate Contingent Fund.

599 (11) The Rules Committee may meet jointly with the  
600 House Management Committee when necessary to more effectively  
601 carry out the provisions of this rule.

602 **SPECIAL ORDERS**

603 66. A bill, resolution or measure may be made a Special  
604 Order for a day and hour certain by a majority vote of Senators  
605 present and voting. Upon the arrival of such time, the President  
606 shall lay before the Senate the bill, resolution or measure under  
607 Special Order, and the Senate shall proceed to its consideration  
608 on third reading until it has been temporarily or permanently  
609 disposed of.

610 67. Should the consideration as a Special Order of a bill or  
611 resolution not be completed by the time set for Special Order of  
612 another bill or resolution, the consideration of the first Special  
613 Order shall continue until disposition is made, even though it may



run over the time set for the second Special Order, or into the succeeding day. In such event another day and hour certain may be set for consideration of the displaced bill or resolution, or it may be regarded as unfinished business of the succeeding legislative day, at the option of the chairman of the committee reporting the bill or resolution. Such option, however, shall be announced by the chairman during the legislative day for which the Special Order was originally set, with the approval of a majority vote of those Senators present and voting.

#### **SPEAKING**

68. When any member of the Senate desires to speak or present any matter to the Senate, the Senator shall rise and respectfully address himself or herself to "Mr./Madam President" and, upon being recognized, shall \* \* \* speak only to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

69. Senators shall not be interrupted, when addressing the Senate, by other Senators, except when a Senator seeking information may address the Presiding Officer, who shall endeavor to secure the consent of the Senator speaking to the offered interruption. The Presiding Officer shall declare Senators violating this rule out of order.

70. If any Senator be called to order by another for words spoken, the exceptional words shall immediately be taken down in writing by the Secretary so that the Presiding Officer may be better able to judge the matter.



71. No Senator shall speak more than twice to the same question, except as elsewhere provided, except by majority vote of those Senators present and voting, nor more than once until every Senator wishing to speak shall have spoken, and no longer than twenty (20) minutes to the main question. When a subsidiary question is under debate, the time limit shall be five (5) minutes. When the time of a Senator is extended, it must be for a specific time.

72. No Senator shall, before resuming his or her seat after speaking to a question, make a motion cutting off or limiting debate.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

73. All bills and resolutions must be typewritten, double spaced on white paper. Titles must be typewritten single spaced and in capital letters. Bills or resolutions must be introduced in original form (not carbon or photocopied) and shall be free from interlineations, corrections and strikeouts, whether with ink, pencil or typewriter. The enacting clause, typed immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill, shall contain the following words in capital letters: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI." No additional enacting words shall be used. The Secretary may decline to accept for introduction a bill or resolution not conforming hereto.

74. Senators may introduce bills and concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions by placing them in the box at the



664 Secretary's desk at any time, or they may send them to the  
665 Secretary's desk when the order for introduction is reached. All  
666 bills, concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions placed in the  
667 box or sent to the Secretary's desk will be considered as being  
668 introduced on the legislative day following the day on which they  
669 were placed in the box except for (a) legislative days where the  
670 motion has been adopted to dispense with the reading of the titles  
671 of bills and concurrent resolutions, (b) bills and constitutional  
672 amendments placed in the box on the day of the deadline for  
673 introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments, and  
674 (c) appropriation and revenue bills placed in the box on the day  
675 before the deadline for original floor action on appropriation and  
676 revenue bills originating in the Senate; bills and constitutional  
677 amendments described in items (a), (b) and (c) of this sentence  
678 will be considered as being introduced on the day on which they  
679 are placed in the box. The deadlines referred to in this  
680 paragraph shall be those established in the Joint Rules of the  
681 Senate and the House, and the determination of what is a revenue  
682 bill for purposes of this paragraph shall be as prescribed in the  
683 Joint Rules of the Senate and the House.

684       In addition to any other time provided by law or by rule,  
685 members of the Senate may file bills or resolutions with the  
686 Secretary of the Senate at any time during the period between  
687 sessions of the Legislature. Such prefiled bills shall be  
688 numbered by the Secretary of the Senate and referred by the



689 President to the appropriate standing committee of the Senate for  
690 study. Such prefiled bills shall be introduced in the order filed  
691 on the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the  
692 Legislature, or extraordinary session if included within the  
693 Governor's call, and referred to committee in the regular order of  
694 business of the Senate. No bills may be prefiled in any year of a  
695 general election until after a member of the Senate has been  
696 finally elected in the November general election.

697       75. Upon introduction of Senate bills, the Secretary shall  
698 read the titles thereof and then give the bills to the President  
699 for his study and reference to proper committees. The President  
700 may retain such bills in his possession until the opening of  
701 the \* \* \* second succeeding legislative day's session when the  
702 President shall return such bills to the Secretary with the  
703 committee references noted thereon. Whereupon, the Secretary  
704 shall give such bills serial numbers, and, at the proper time in  
705 the Order of Business, the Secretary shall read the numbers,  
706 titles and committee references, and have the titles reproduced  
707 for distribution. House bills received with messages from the  
708 House shall be treated likewise regarding references to committees  
709 and reading of titles by the Secretary. Provided, however, that  
710 the President may, at his option, refer Senate bills immediately  
711 upon their introduction and House bills immediately upon their  
712 receipt from the House. Provided, further, that a motion is in  
713 order for the immediate consideration in Committee of the Whole of



714 any bill or resolution, except bills of Local and Private nature,  
715 before such bill or resolution is referred to a standing  
716 committee.

717       76. Every bill and concurrent resolution and all reports of  
718 committees, except the report of the Committee of the Whole, shall  
719 lie on the table one (1) day before being considered by the  
720 Senate.

721       77. General bills and resolutions shall be called up for  
722 consideration in numerical order as revealed by item numbers on  
723 the Calendar. When a bill or resolution is reached on the  
724 Calendar and it is not then considered, it shall go to the heel of  
725 the Calendar unless by a vote of a majority of the Senators  
726 present and voting it retains its place on the Calendar.  
727 Appropriation bills and resolutions reported by the Appropriations  
728 Committee and revenue bills and resolutions reported by the  
729 Finance Committee or other committees shall be subject to Section  
730 68 of the Constitution. Bills and resolutions reported by the  
731 Rules Committee shall have precedence above all others, except  
732 appropriations and revenue bills and resolutions.

733       78. No bill, concurrent resolution or measure (except Senate  
734 resolutions which may be called up for consideration any time by  
735 suspension of the rules) shall be considered or voted upon by the  
736 Senate unless the same shall have been referred to a committee,  
737 considered and reported by a majority of a quorum of the committee  
738 to which it was referred, subject to the provisions of Rule 64.



739           79. It is the duty of the chairman or vice chairman of a  
740 committee to call up bills and resolutions on the floor or to  
741 designate another member of the Senate so to do.

742           80. Complete titles of bills and resolutions shall be used  
743 upon introductions, but abbreviated titles may be used elsewhere.

744           81. When a bill or concurrent resolution is originally  
745 referred to two (2) committees and favorably reported by both, the  
746 chairman of the first named committee shall have the option of  
747 handling the bill or resolution on the floor.

748           82. When a bill or resolution is called up for final  
749 passage, the Senator introducing such measure, if present, shall  
750 have the right to open and close the debate. In the event there  
751 are several authors of a bill or resolution, they shall agree  
752 among themselves which shall open and close the debate and shall  
753 so notify the chairman of the committee.

754           83. When a bill or resolution is being considered by the  
755 Senate, it shall be read throughout by the Secretary and then may  
756 be again read and debated by clauses, paragraphs or sections,  
757 leaving the title to be considered last.

758           84. It shall always be in order, before the final passage of  
759 a bill or resolution, to move its recommitment.

760           85. When a bill or measure has been referred to the Finance  
761 Committee or Appropriations Committee, which deals with another  
762 major subject as well as finance or appropriations, the committee  
763 may, in its discretion, recommend that it be sent to the related



764 committee for study and recommendation. Such bill shall be  
765 reported in the usual manner by the related committee within five  
766 (5) legislative days, whereupon the Secretary shall return the  
767 bill to the Finance Committee or Appropriations Committee with the  
768 report. The final report of the Finance Committee or  
769 Appropriations Committee shall govern the status of the bill or  
770 resolution.

771       86. All motions contemplating legislation shall be founded  
772 upon bills or concurrent resolutions; and committees, to which may  
773 be referred messages from the Governor, reports of the state  
774 officers, boards, commissions and others authorized to report to  
775 the Legislature, including petitions for legislation, may report  
776 by bill, resolution or written recommendation such legislation as  
777 may be germane to the subject matter referred to them.

778       87. No bill, resolution, concurrent resolution or measure  
779 having been referred to a committee shall be taken from such  
780 committee, or the committee be discharged from the consideration  
781 thereof, other than by a motion signed by a majority of all  
782 Senators elected; except that during the last six (6) days of a  
783 session, a majority of the Senators present and voting may call a  
784 bill, resolution or concurrent resolution from a committee by a  
785 signed motion.

786       88. All bills, concurrent resolutions or measures  
787 originating in the House and passed by that body and sent to the  
788 Senate for consideration shall pursue the same course and shall be





789 subject to the same rules as though such bills, concurrent  
790 resolutions or measures had originated in the Senate.

791 89. Any bill, resolution, concurrent resolution or measure  
792 recalled from a committee by the method provided in Rule 87 shall  
793 be referred to another standing committee, unless the Senate votes  
794 to form a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering  
795 the same.

796 90. No law shall be repealed by reference to its chapter,  
797 bill number or code number only, but there shall be included in  
798 its title and in a section within the bill a brief statement of  
799 the nature of the law sought to be repealed.

800 91. In the event of the loss or misplacement of a bill or  
801 resolution, the Secretary is authorized to prepare an exact copy  
802 thereof which, upon his certification that such bill or resolution  
803 is a true and correct copy of the original, shall be considered as  
804 though it were the original bill or resolution.

805 **SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

806 92. Senate resolutions may be considered without having been  
807 referred to or reported by a committee, except as provided in Rule  
808 30. However, such resolutions may be referred to a committee by  
809 majority vote of Senators present and voting, or the President may  
810 refer them on the President's own initiative.

811 93. All resolutions authorizing committees of the Senate to  
812 travel or employ stenographers or other assistants, and all such  
813 resolutions involving special investigations or expense by



committees of the Senate shall be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Rules.

#### CALENDAR

94. The Secretary each day shall prepare a Calendar of all matters in order for consideration. Such Calendar and a copy of each bill and resolution shown thereon shall be placed on the desk of each Senator prior to the hour of convening. Titles of bills and resolutions shall clearly indicate the subject matter thereof, but such titles may be abbreviated. General bills and resolutions favorably reported by committees shall be given an item number in sequence and placed on the Calendar from day to day in order as they are reported and placed under the head of "General Calendar." Bills and resolutions favorably reported by committees on Finance, on Appropriations, on Rules and on Local and Private Legislation; and bills and resolutions subject to secondary considerations, shall be shown separately under appropriate headings, with item numbers in sequence.

The Rules Committee is hereby authorized to create a "Noncontroversial Calendar" for the consideration of noncontroversial bills, resolutions or measures. Senate bills, resolutions or measures shall be placed on the Noncontroversial Calendar upon the written request of the chairman of the committee reporting the measure, the primary author, and by a majority vote of the Rules Committee; House bills, resolutions or measures shall be placed upon the Noncontroversial Calendar on the request of the



839 chairman of the committee reporting the measure and by a majority  
840 vote of the Rules Committee. A bill, resolution or measure shall  
841 be removed from the Noncontroversial Calendar upon the demand of  
842 six (6) or more Senators made in open session. Any such demand  
843 shall require the bill or resolution to be placed at the heel of  
844 the General Calendar.

845 95. Bills, resolutions, measures or motions reported by  
846 committees, and reports of special committees, shall be placed on  
847 the Calendar in the regular order of the next day after that on  
848 which they were made to the Senate or received from the House, as  
849 the case may be.

850 96. No matter which has been duly placed on the Calendar  
851 shall be discharged therefrom or considered out of its regular  
852 course except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, subject to  
853 the provisions of Section 68 of the Constitution. However,  
854 matters affecting the public interest and regarded as of immediate  
855 necessity may be advanced on the Calendar by the Committee on  
856 Rules.

857 **MOTIONS**

858 97. Order of Precedence:

859 (1) To adjourn.

860 (2) To lay on the table.

861 (3) To lay on the table subject to call, when five (5)  
862 minutes' debate shall be allowed the Senator making the motion and  
863 five (5) minutes' debate shall be allowed the Senator having the



864 measure in charge, unless the Senator(s) shall yield the floor to  
865 another Senator.

866 (4) For the previous question.

867 (5) To limit debate.

868 (6) To close debate at a specific time.

869 (7) To postpone to a day certain.

870 (8) To recommit.

871 (9) To re-refer.

872 (10) To amend.

873 (11) To postpone indefinitely.

874 These motions shall have precedence in the above order; and  
875 any such motion being made and being decided adversely shall not  
876 again be entertained on the same day at the same stage of the  
877 question.

878 98. A motion to postpone indefinitely opens to debate the  
879 merits of the proposition.

880 99. Any motion shall be reduced to writing if the President  
881 so directs or a Senator or the Secretary so requests.

882 100. When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the  
883 President or, being in writing, it shall be read aloud by the  
884 Secretary.

885 101. After a motion is stated by the President or read by  
886 the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the  
887 Senate, and it may be withdrawn only by a majority vote of



888 Senators present and voting at any time before decision or  
889 amendment.

890 102. No motion is in order while a point of order is pending  
891 unless the President shall announce a delay in the ruling, and  
892 then only matters not affected by a ruling on such pending point  
893 of order may be considered.

894 103. When a question is under debate, the President shall  
895 entertain no motion which does not relate to the question except a  
896 motion to adjourn or some other motion which has precedence by  
897 express rules of the Senate or because it is privileged in its  
898 nature.

899 103A. After a motion to lay a bill on the table subject to  
900 call or a motion to table has been adopted, only a member  
901 authorized to call up the bill under Rule 79 shall have the right  
902 to move to call the bill from the table.

903 **AMENDMENTS**

904 104. Amendments shall be in order after the third reading of  
905 a bill or resolution requiring three (3) readings, but no  
906 amendment, except committee amendments, shall be considered as  
907 pending unless the author of such amendment shall have secured  
908 recognition by the President for the purpose of offering such  
909 amendment and moving its adoption. Such amendment shall then be  
910 sent to the Secretary's desk, and disposition of it shall be made  
911 before any additional amendments shall be placed on the  
912 Secretary's desk or received by him.



913           105. Amendments to an amendment shall be voted on before a  
914 substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment  
915 is in order at one time; but as rapidly as one (1) is disposed of  
916 by rejection or adoption, another is in order as long as any  
917 member desires to offer one (1). A substitute amendment may be  
918 offered to an amendment. An amendment to the substitute may be  
919 offered. No other amendment can be offered since the third degree  
920 has been reached. The vote shall be taken in the following order:  
921 The amendment to the amendment shall first be voted on; then the  
922 amendment to the substitute; then the substitute amendment; and,  
923 if the substitute is adopted, then the original amendment shall be  
924 regarded as automatically tabled.

925           106. An amendment to a bill or resolution may be adopted by  
926 a majority vote, notwithstanding it requires more than a majority  
927 vote to pass the bill or resolution sought to be amended.

928           107. When a bill is reported with committee amendments, such  
929 committee amendments shall have precedence for consideration over  
930 amendments presented from the floor.

931           108. Amendments proposed by members or by committees must  
932 not be written into a bill or resolution until such amendments  
933 shall be adopted and the bill finally passed by the Senate, and  
934 then only under the direction of the Secretary.

935           109. Amendments to a Senate bill, resolution or measure  
936 which have been adopted by the House and sent back to the Senate  
937 for concurrence shall be considered as "unfinished business" of



938 the next day after that on which they were received, unless a  
939 majority of the Senators present and voting order that such  
940 amendments be considered immediately. House amendments to Senate  
941 bills or resolutions shall be either concurred in or not concurred  
942 in their entirety and not separately.

943 **PREVIOUS QUESTION**

944 110. There may be a motion for the previous question, which  
945 shall not be debatable and which may be ordered upon any bill or  
946 resolution or section thereof, amendment, motion or question which  
947 is debatable, any of which shall be considered as the main  
948 question for the purpose of applying the previous question. All  
949 incidental questions of order arising after a motion for the  
950 previous question has been applied and before the vote on the main  
951 question has been taken shall be decided, whether on appeal or  
952 otherwise, without debate.

953 111. When the previous question has been ordered, each side  
954 shall have five (5) minutes for debate, the affirmative speaking  
955 first; provided that after the previous question shall have been  
956 ordered, the only motion in order shall be one (1) motion to  
957 recommit or re-refer, which motion shall not be debatable.

958 111A. When the motion to limit debate has been ordered, each  
959 side shall have five (5) minutes for debate on each subsidiary or  
960 main question, the affirmative speaking first.

961 **POINTS OF ORDER**



112. Every point of order shall be decided by the Presiding Officer. Any decision of the Presiding Officer on a point of order shall be subject to an appeal to the Senate without debate, unless the Presiding Officer, in his discretion and for his information, requests debate and/or a brief on any point of order. The Presiding Officer may require points of order in writing and may take reasonable time to examine and study same before ruling thereon, during which period consideration of that particular subject matter shall be suspended without prejudice and the Senate shall proceed to the next order of business.

#### **VOTING**

113. The Presiding Officer shall declare all votes. When a question not requiring the yeas and nays is put, the sense of the Senate shall be taken by the voice of the Senators, and the President shall first announce the vote as it appears to the President by sound.

114. The yeas and nays shall be taken on the final passage of every bill, concurrent resolution, conference report and House amendments to Senate bills. The President of the Senate may order a yea and nay or division vote on any subsidiary question.

115. Upon every roll call the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname, except when two (2) or more have the same surname, in which case the number of the district shall be added; and if there be two (2) such members from the same district, the name or initials shall be called. After the roll





has been once called, the Secretary shall call, in their alphabetical order, the names of those not voting, and thereafter the President shall not entertain a request to record a vote, except that any Senator whose vote was recorded may change his vote before the result is announced by the President.

116. The sense of the Senate shall be taken by yeas and nays on any question whenever six (6) of the Senators present demand, and, if the call for yeas and nays be not sustained, any Senator may have his vote recorded if the Senator so desires. Any Senator may have the privilege of explaining his vote, which explanation containing not more than one hundred (100) words shall be written and handed to the Secretary before the approval of the Journal of the day such vote was taken, and such explanation shall be spread upon the Journal.

117. A Senator who by reason of absence from the Senate Chamber fails to vote on any yea and nay call may, during the next succeeding legislative day of his presence, file with the Secretary, for insertion in the Journal, a brief written statement stating how the Senator would have voted thereon. Anticipating an absence, any Senator may file such statement with the Secretary in advance of the yea and nay vote for insertion in the Journal at the proper time.

118. Any Senator may request a division vote. The President shall call for those in the affirmative to rise first, then those in the negative. The counts shall be made by the Secretary. If



1012 the absence of a quorum is indicated, the Secretary shall make a  
1013 quorum count; and, if a quorum is present, the vote shall stand as  
1014 announced by the President.

1015 119. Immediately following the second call of the yeas and  
1016 nays but before the announcement of the result of the vote by the  
1017 Presiding Officer, it will be in order for the announcement of  
1018 pairs of those Senators present whose votes are not recorded,  
1019 which pairs shall be entered in the Journal, and for the  
1020 announcement of change of votes by those Senators who have voted.

1021 120. No Senator shall be allowed to approach the desk of the  
1022 Secretary to ascertain the vote cast on any question or measure  
1023 before such vote has been announced.

1024 121. No Senator shall have the Journal amended so as to have  
1025 the record of his vote changed; however, a Senator may change his  
1026 vote before the result of a roll call is announced.

1027 122. In the event of a tie vote, by call of the yeas and  
1028 nays or by division, on any main or subsidiary matter, the  
1029 President, if presiding at the time such tie vote occurs, shall  
1030 cast the deciding vote.

1031 123. When a member of the Senate is presiding and a tie vote  
1032 occurs on any proposition, the decision shall be in the negative.

1033 124. No Senator shall be permitted to act in committee or to  
1034 vote on a question in which his private interest, distinct from  
1035 the public interest, is immediately concerned.



125. Unless a certain minimum of votes of Senators is specified in these rules on any vote taken, a majority of those present and voting shall prevail.

#### **RECONSIDERATION**

126. When a question has once carried in the affirmative or negative it shall be in order for any Senator to enter a motion for the reconsideration thereof. The motion to reconsider a vote on a proposition having been once agreed to and the vote again having been taken, a second motion to reconsider may not be made unless the nature of the proposition has been changed by amendment.

127. No motion to reconsider a vote shall be entertained unless it be properly entered on the same day on which such vote was taken or on the next succeeding legislative day on which a quorum is present. No motion to reconsider shall be withdrawn without unanimous consent. This rule shall not prevent reconsideration of a vote on a subsidiary, incidental or dependent matter at any time when the main question to which it relates is under consideration; and a motion to reconsider a vote on any subsidiary, incidental or dependent question shall not remove the main question under consideration from before the Senate, but such incidental question shall be considered at the time the motion is made.

On a motion to table a motion to reconsider or on a motion that the Senate do not reconsider or on a motion that the Senate



1061 do reconsider, or any substitute for any such motion, five (5)  
1062 minutes total time shall be allowed the Senators speaking for the  
1063 affirmative side and five (5) minutes total time shall be allowed  
1064 the Senators speaking for the negative side of the question, such  
1065 time herein allowed to be allotted between Senators speaking on  
1066 each side of the question. This rule shall also apply to any  
1067 motion or substitute motion of similar import to the above  
1068 motions.

1069 When a motion to table a motion to reconsider fails, or when  
1070 a motion "do not reconsider" fails, the item stays on the Motion  
1071 to Reconsider Calendar.

1072 When a motion to reconsider fails, the question is no longer  
1073 before the Senate and no further action by the Senate is in order.

1074 128. There shall be no reconsideration of the vote on the  
1075 question of adjourning or recessing; laying on the table subject  
1076 to call; laying on the table or taking from the table;  
1077 recommitting; re-referring; limiting debate; or on the previous  
1078 question. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided,  
1079 that decision shall not be reconsidered.

1080 129. A motion to reconsider having been properly made and  
1081 entered in the Journal shall become the property of the Senate and  
1082 may be called up by any member of the Senate.

1083 **VETOES**

1084 129A. After a veto message is read, two (2) motions are in  
1085 order in the following precedence:



1086 (a) To refer the reconsideration of the bill to a  
1087 committee; and

1088 (b) To pass the bill, the Governor's veto  
1089 notwithstanding.

1090 **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

1091 130. Matters of privilege affecting the rights, safety,  
1092 dignity and integrity of the Senate, and matters of personal  
1093 privilege affecting the rights, reputation and conduct of  
1094 individual members of the Senate, in their senatorial capacities  
1095 only, shall have precedence over all other matters or motions,  
1096 except motions to adjourn or recess. It is not in order to speak  
1097 to a question of personal privilege after the previous question  
1098 has been ordered.

1099 **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITIES**

1100 131. On all questions of order or parliamentary practice not  
1101 covered by and not in conflict with these rules, the rules of  
1102 Cannon's Practice in the National House of Representatives and  
1103 Hind's Precedents shall be the authority.

1104 **READING OF DOCUMENTS**

1105 132. When the reading of a document other than a bill or  
1106 resolution is proposed or called for and the same is objected to  
1107 by any Senator, it shall be determined by a majority vote of the  
1108 Senators present and voting, without debate.

1109 **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**





1134 which the vote is taken or on the next legislative day thereafter,  
1135 and not later.

1136       136. The Governor shall not be officially notified by the  
1137 Secretary of the confirmation, consent to or rejection by the  
1138 Senate of any nomination or other matter until the expiration of  
1139 the time limit for entering a motion to reconsider, unless  
1140 otherwise ordered by the Senate, subject to Section 65 of the  
1141 Constitution.

1142       137. All executive matters submitted by the Governor which  
1143 were not considered, as well as those on which actions were taken  
1144 and were under pending motions to reconsider, shall fail at the  
1145 time of sine die adjournment and the Secretary shall so notify the  
1146 Governor thereof.

1147                               **SELECTION OF DESKS**

1148       138. The seating arrangement in the Senate Chamber shall be  
1149 accomplished by personal selections of seats by the Senators, and  
1150 such selections may begin upon their nominations. Seats numbered  
1151 3 and 4, which are equipped with hearing aids, may be held in  
1152 reserve by the Secretary of the Senate for members who may need  
1153 hearing aids. Senators elected to consecutive terms shall have  
1154 first choice of seats. Upon selection of seats, they shall be  
1155 properly marked to indicate that the seats have been so selected.  
1156 Nothing in this rule shall prevent the swapping of seats by mutual  
1157 agreement of Senators. The Secretary shall prepare and have  
1158 printed the permanent seating arrangement for public distribution.



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**INSURANCE**

1160           139.   (Omitted)

1161           140.   (Omitted)

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**CONFIDENTIALITY**

1163           141.   (1)   No employee of the Senate shall reveal to any  
1164 person outside his department the contents or nature of any  
1165 request for services made by any member of the Senate except with  
1166 the written consent of the person making such request.

1167                   (2)   All confidential communications between members of  
1168 the Senate and staff attorneys are protected by an attorney-client  
1169 privilege.

