

As Introduced

**135th General Assembly
Regular Session
2023-2024**

S. R. No. 24

Senator Schuring

A RESOLUTION

To adopt the rules of the Senate for the 135th 1
General Assembly. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

RESOLVED, That the following are the Rules of the Senate 3
for the 135th General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~134th~~135th GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6

TIME OF CONVENING; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT 7

Rule 1. (Time of Sessions.) The sessions of the Senate 8
shall be held at such times as are determined by the President. 9
For the months of January through June in each year, and for the 10
months of July through December in each year, the President, at 11
the beginning of each six-month period, shall establish a 12
schedule of dates and times according to which the Senate shall 13
hold sessions and at which roll call votes are taken. 14
Alternatively, the President may establish the schedule for each 15
calendar year at the beginning of the calendar year. The 16
schedule and any revision or supplement thereto shall be 17
published and a copy provided to each senator. 18

Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) During a voting 19
session, the President may name any senator to perform the 20

duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend 21
beyond an adjournment; nor shall any senator so named attest any 22
document as President or President Pro Tempore of the Senate. 23

Rule 3. (Clerk Shall Call Senate to Order.) When both the 24
President and the President Pro Tempore are absent at the hour 25
to which the Senate has adjourned or taken a recess, the Clerk 26
shall call the Senate to order and the Senate shall proceed to 27
select some member to act as presiding officer until the 28
President or President Pro Tempore is present, or an adjournment 29
is taken. 30

Rule 4. (President to Enforce Rules.) The President shall 31
enforce the rules of the Senate. The President shall preserve 32
order and decorum in the proceedings of the Senate; and in case 33
of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby the 34
President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared. 35

Rule 5. (Signing of Acts, etc.) The President or, in the 36
President's absence, the President Pro Tempore shall sign all 37
acts and joint resolutions when passed or adopted by both 38
houses; and all writs and all warrants and subpoenas issued by 39
the action of the Senate shall be signed by the President and 40
attested to by the Clerk. Initiation and defense of legal 41
actions by the Senate shall be decided by the President. The 42
President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall 43
have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 44
responsibilities of the President. 45

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY 46

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 47
Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order 48
prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may 49
be said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the 50
preceding legislative day shall be read by the Clerk. 51

Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is read	52
and approved, the order of business shall be as follows:	53
1. Reports of reference and bills for second consideration.	54
2. Reports of standing and select committees.	55
3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions.	56
4. Reports of conference committees.	57
5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions, reported by committee.	58 59
6. Bills for third consideration.	60
7. Motions.	61
8. Introduction and first consideration of bills.	62
9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not referred to committee.	63 64
Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of	65
the Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7.	66
To revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only	67
a majority vote of the members of the Senate.	68
Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from	69
the House, messages from the President, and communications from	70
any branch of the executive department of the state may be	71
received by the Clerk at any time, except when the yeas and nays	72
are being called.	73
Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel	74
Attendance.) A majority of all members elected to the Senate	75
shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may compel the	76
attendance of absent members or adjourn from day to day.	77
Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.)	78
Should a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President	79
shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at-	80

Arms's assistants for the absentees and until a quorum is 81
present no business shall be in order except a motion to adjourn 82
and the enforcement of the attendance of the absentees. 83

Rule 12. (Call of Senate, How Demanded.) Any senator may 84
demand a call of the Senate providing the demand is seconded by 85
three other senators and upon such call the names of the 86
senators shall be called by the Clerk in their alphabetical 87
order and the names of the absentees entered upon the Journal. 88

Rule 13. (Procedure under Call of Senate.) While the Senate 89
is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall take and 90
remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted to leave 91
the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators present. 92

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 93
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 94
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 95
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 96
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 97
be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 98
with further proceedings under the call. 99

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.) 100
During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been 101
voted down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense 102
with the call has been voted upon, or until an additional 103
senator has appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to 104
dispense with further proceedings under the call shall not be 105
made in the absence of quorum. 106

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) When 107
a call of the Senate has been completed and further proceedings 108
under the call have been dispensed with, no senator shall be 109
permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of business for 110
which the call was demanded has been disposed of, except by 111
leave of a majority of the senators elected. 112

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 113

Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a 114
member from a voting session of the Senate must be excused. 115
Before a member may be excused from such an absence from a 116
voting session, the member shall submit an explanation for the 117
absence in writing to the Clerk. A member shall be automatically 118
excused from a nonvoting session. 119

Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The 120
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27 121
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by 122
the Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a 123
week. 124

COMMITTEES 125

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 126
practicable after the organization of the Senate, the President 127
of the Senate, by message, shall name all standing and select 128
committees and subcommittees and shall appoint all members and 129
chairs of those committees and subcommittees. The President may 130
appoint senators who are not members of a standing committee to 131
a standing subcommittee of that committee. 132

(b) The President, by message, may make temporary 133
appointments to standing and select committees and 134
subcommittees. 135

(c) The President, by message, shall name, and may 136
substitute, members of the Senate to serve on boards, 137
commissions, task forces, and other bodies created by law and on 138
which Senate members are eligible to serve, except as otherwise 139
provided. 140

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend 141
minority party members for each committee. 142

Rule 20. (Committee Chairperson; Expenses; Attendance of 143

Witnesses.) The President shall designate a chairperson and 144
vice-chairperson as well as a ranking minority member for each 145
committee. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend the 146
ranking minority member for each committee. In the absence of 147
the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the committee may designate 148
a chairperson. 149

The President may be substituted as a voting member of any 150
committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 151
the committee member for whom the President has been 152
substituted. The Minority Leader shall be an ex-officio 153
nonvoting member of each committee and the President may, at the 154
Minority Leader's request, substitute the Minority Leader as a 155
voting member of any committee and the committee records shall 156
reflect such fact and the committee member for whom the Minority 157
Leader has been substituted. 158

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 159
any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 160
President or the Committee on Rules and Reference. Authorization 161
by the Committee on Rules and Reference shall be signed by the 162
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference. 163

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 164
standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 165
contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter 166
committed to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a 167
select committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter 168
committed to the select committee, may issue a subpoena under 169
sections 101.41 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an 170
order under section 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the 171
attendance of witnesses or the production of books, papers, or 172
other tangible evidence. 173

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) 174
Each committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and 175

in case of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the committee together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the members of the committee. At least two days preceding the day bills or joint resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment are to be given a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the Clerk's office the schedule of such bills and joint resolutions in each standing committee or subcommittee with the exception of the standing Committee on Rules and Reference. In a case of necessity, the notice of hearing may be given in a shorter period than two days by such reasonable method as shall be prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Reference.

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 13.

Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No committee shall sit during a voting session of the Senate without leave of a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit during a recess from a voting session of the Senate.

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of a committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except to adjourn shall be in order.

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any

motion to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely 208
further consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member 209
present shall vote in the affirmative or the negative except 210
when excused by the committee upon request made prior to the 211
call of the roll. No proxy vote shall be valid. At the 212
discretion of the chairperson, the roll call may be continued 213
for a vote by any member who was present at the meeting prior to 214
the roll call on a bill, resolution, or appointment for which 215
the roll call was continued, but the roll shall not remain open 216
later than 10:00 a.m. on the next calendar day. 217

A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 218
committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to 219
be in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be 220
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to 221
reconsider shall not prevail unless it receives the same number 222
of affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the 223
matter proposed to be reconsidered. 224

Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or 225
resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be 226
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon 227
the adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than 228
the next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given 229
immediately to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been 230
indefinitely postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced 231
in the Senate while indefinitely postponed. 232

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills 233
and Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to 234
the Senate any measure referred to it, with or without 235
amendments, or may report back a substitute for any measure 236
referred to it. No committee may report back any measure 237
referred to it or any substitute for such measure without 238
recommending its passage or adoption, and the report shall not 239
be received by the Clerk unless signed by the majority of the 240

committee who voted in support of the action. The report shall 241
also contain the signatures of those who voted against adoption 242
or passage, which shall be included in the Journal. No member 243
shall sign a committee report who was not present at the 244
meeting. 245

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 246
minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 247
attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 248
committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 249
other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 250
names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations on 251
whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may 252
be directed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. A record of 253
motions and the votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 254

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 255
Committee voting records for the ~~134th~~-135th General Assembly 256
shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 257
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 258
by the chairperson to protect and preserve such records. Upon 259
final adjournment of the Senate, the committee records shall be 260
filed with the Clerk. Committee voting records filed with the 261
Clerk shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 262
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 263
by the Clerk and the records retention schedule adopted by the 264
Clerk. 265

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every 266
committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall 267
carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and 268
arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate 269
amendments to correct the same. 270

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 271
motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 272

be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 273
committee. 274

Rule 32. (Motion to Discharge a Committee.) A motion to 275
discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 276
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 277
calendar days or more prior thereto, shall be in writing and 278
deposited in the office of the Clerk. Before such motion may be 279
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 280
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, 281
and each member so signing must do so in the office of the Clerk 282
and in the Clerk's presence, or in the presence of one of the 283
Clerk's assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, 284
shall be printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed 285
with the Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill 286
or resolution. 287

BILLS 288

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced in 289
the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, 290
shall bear the name of the author or authors and co-authors, if 291
any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour 292
prior to the next convening session of the Senate. 293

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless it 294
is presented for filing by a member of the Senate, or by a 295
member's legislative aide with authorization of the senator, and 296
it has first been approved as to form by the Legislative Service 297
Commission and the face of the bill is marked to indicate that 298
approval. 299

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in their 300
title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to which 301
they relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, or 302
repeal of any law, to the section proposed to be amended, 303
enacted, or repealed. 304

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on Rules and Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second consideration of a bill, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall, if no motion or order be made to the contrary, refer the bill to the proper standing committee in regular order. Further, no bill shall be reported for a third consideration and passage unless the same shall have been considered at a meeting of the committee to which the same has been referred.

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee on Rules and Reference on or before the first day of April in an even-numbered year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the committee to which the same has been referred for a minimum of one public hearing.

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House bills, when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed in like manner as Senate bills preparatory to their consideration.

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Reference.

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill or resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or resolution shall be committed to the standing committee or select committee to which the bill or resolution was originally referred.

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution may be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the Senate.

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the Senate otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be

placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and 336
resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the 337
designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by 338
designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the 339
regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules 340
and Reference, pursuant to Rule 100. 341

Rule 41. (How Taken Up for Consideration.) Resolutions 342
taken up on the calendar under the fifth order of business 343
listed in Rule 7 and bills standing in order for third 344
consideration shall be taken up and read without a motion to 345
that effect, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the 346
questions shall be, respectively: "Shall the resolution be 347
adopted?" and "Shall the bill pass?" 348

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill 349
which has been set for a third consideration on a particular day 350
shall for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand 351
for third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills 352
for third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of 353
business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee 354
on Rules and Reference. 355

Rule 43. (Bills Taken Up Earlier, How.) When a bill has 356
been ordered for third consideration on a particular day, or at 357
a certain hour, it shall not sooner be taken up except upon 358
three-fifths vote of the senators elected. 359

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is 360
amended before being placed upon the calendar for third 361
consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact 362
that it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such 363
amendment was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal 364
upon which such amendment appears. At the time of third 365
consideration, the bill with amendments incorporated shall be 366
supplied to each senator. 367

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order of business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a report of a committee of conference has been filed with the Clerk.

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been passed or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed or adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one calendar day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Senate.

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Senate.

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote may be taken upon the question of concurrence in House amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question of agreement to the report of a conference committee, each member of the Senate shall be supplied with the amendments made by the House or recommended by the conference committee and each member of majority leadership, each member of the minority leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied with the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate.

Rule 46. (Synopsis of House Amendments before Vote.) Before a vote is taken on the question of concurrence in House amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall prepare a synopsis of any substantive amendments made by a House committee to the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate. The staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall make such a synopsis available to each senator at the time the Senate votes on the question of concurrence in the House amendments. The Clerk shall provide each member of the majority leadership, each member of the

minority leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor with any amendments made by the House during its third consideration of the bill or resolution.

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name to the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or co-sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon its carrier.

Immediately after the Senate has voted to concur in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after the Senate has voted to accept a conference committee report, the President shall demand if the Senate agrees to the co-sponsorship of the bill or resolution. Any senator may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name from the bill or resolution as co-sponsor. Prior to the vote on concurrence in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and prior to the vote on a conference committee report, a former senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former senator's name from the bill or resolution as sponsor or co-sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the title of the bill or resolution accordingly.

Rule 48. (Amendments, Must Be Germane.) No amendment 433
proposed that is not germane to the subject under consideration 434
shall be considered. 435

Rule 49. (Same Amendment Not Permitted, Except.) Matters 436
inserted in or stricken from a bill by amendment, except an 437
amendment reported by a standing or select committee or 438
subcommittee, may not be subsequently stricken from or inserted 439
in a bill by amendment. But a motion to reconsider will, 440
however, be in order. 441

Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or 442
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by 443
annexing or incorporating the substance of any other bill or 444
resolution pending before the Senate unless such annexation or 445
incorporation is done by vote of a majority of the members of 446
the Senate. 447

Rule 51. (Tabling, Effect on Bill.) When a motion to amend 448
a bill or resolution is laid upon the table or indefinitely 449
postponed, the bill or resolution shall be subject to further 450
consideration. 451

Rule 52. (Amendments to Emergency Bills.) Amendments 452
proposed to emergency bills shall be offered before the vote is 453
taken on the emergency section. 454

Rule 53. (Number of Amendments on Third Consideration.) A 455
senator may propose not more than two amendments and one omnibus 456
amendment to a bill or resolution from the floor of the Senate, 457
except that in the case of a bill that makes an appropriation, a 458
senator may propose not more than five amendments and one 459
omnibus amendment to the bill from the floor of the Senate. 460

This rule does not apply to the President Pro Tempore, the 461
Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Leader, or the Assistant 462
Minority Leader of the Senate. 463

RESOLUTIONS

464
Rule 54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees by.) 465
Resolutions may be offered by an individual senator, or as a 466
report of a committee in the regular order of business, or at 467
any time on leave of the Senate. Any resolution proposing the 468
creation of a special investigating committee shall be, upon its 469
introduction, automatically referred to the Committee on Rules 470
and Reference. This rule shall be dispensed with only by a two- 471
thirds vote of the Senate. 472

Rule 55. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to be 473
introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 474
quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 475
if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one 476
hour prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All 477
resolutions offered in the Senate shall be considered 478
immediately by either being adopted or referred to the Committee 479
on Rules and Reference, except as provided in Rules 54 and 56. 480
If so referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall 481
examine and otherwise consider the resolution, and may 482
indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another standing 483
committee, or report it back to the Senate. 484

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 485
shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 486
majority vote of the members elected. 487

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 488
shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 489
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference. If so 490
referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall examine and 491
otherwise consider the resolution, and may indefinitely postpone 492
it, refer it to another standing committee, or report it back to 493
the Senate. 494

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 495

consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 496
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 497
for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 498
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 499
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 500
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 501
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 502
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 503
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 504
resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 505
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 506
Prerogative be adopted?" 507

Rule 56. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) The 508
Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agency 509
Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business listed 510
in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 511
committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 512
offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 513
recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 514
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference, which shall 515
place the resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration 516
within twelve calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered 517
and taken up for consideration on an earlier legislative day if 518
necessary to permit its adoption within the period of time 519
specified by section 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating 520
a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 521

Rule 57. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all 522
Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the 523
Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide 524
a place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory 525
resolutions for signature of the senator whose name first 526
appears on the resolution as author. 527

VOTING 528

Rule 58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 529
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 530
the Senate under Rule 59. The Clerk shall call the roll of the 531
Senate in alphabetical order with the President called last. The 532
President may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore 533
first in the call of the roll. 534

A senator who desires that the yeas and nays be called 535
shall request that they be called in accordance with Ohio 536
Constitution, Article II, Section 9. 537

Rule 59. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator requesting 538
to be excused from voting may briefly explain the reason for 539
such request, and the Senate shall pass upon the request without 540
debate. 541

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 542
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 543
begins. 544

Rule 60. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to 545
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 546
the Senate divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 547
commenced. If such request is granted by the Senate, such 548
statement shall not consume more than two minutes of time. 549

Rule 61. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than a 550
quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith order 551
the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present as 552
shown by answering to their names, or by their presence in the 553
Chamber, the President shall again order the roll to be called, 554
and if any senator is present the senator shall be ordered to 555
vote unless the Senate shall have previously excused the 556
senator. 557

Rule 62. (Roll May Remain Open.) At the discretion of the 558
President, the roll may remain open for a vote by any senator 559

who was not present when the roll was called, but the roll may 560
remain open only until the Senate adjourns for the day. 561

Rule 63. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall vote 562
upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon any 563
question involving the senator's election or the right to the 564
senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention of 565
the Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 566
102.031 of the Revised Code. 567

Rule 64. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken viva 568
voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is 569
demanded by any senator before the result is announced, the 570
Senate shall divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise 571
at the request of the President and remain standing until 572
counted and the count is announced; then those voting in the 573
negative shall arise and remain standing until counted and the 574
count is announced. 575

Rule 65. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The yeas 576
and nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in 577
amendments made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed 578
by the Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference 579
committees, except where amendment is to the title only. 580

Rule 66. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No person, 581
other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall be 582
permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being 583
taken. 584

Rule 67. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been 585
called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The 586
Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in 587
the affirmative, then of those voting in the negative. 588

Rule 68. (Change of Vote.) Any senator, on account of error 589
or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but no 590

senator shall be permitted to change his or her vote, as 591
recorded, after the Senate has proceeded to the next order of 592
business. No senator may change his or her vote if that change 593
would alter the disposition of the question. 594

DECORUM AND DEBATE 595

Rule 69. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a senator 596
desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the senator 597
shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," and the 598
President shall recognize the senator. 599

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, for 600
each question, first request and receive the President's 601
permission to ask the question. No senator is required to answer 602
a question put by another senator. 603

Rule 70. (President Decides Who Shall Speak.) The prime 604
sponsor of a bill shall be recognized first. When two or more 605
senators seek recognition of the chair at the same time, the 606
President shall decide which senator shall speak first. No 607
senator shall yield the floor to another senator without consent 608
of the Senate. 609

Rule 71. (How Often Senator May Speak.) No senator shall 610
speak more than twice on the same question except by leave of 611
the Senate or responding to the floor; and the senator speaking 612
shall confine the speech to the question under debate and avoid 613
personalities. 614

Rule 72. (May Read from Books, etc.) Any senator while 615
discussing a question may read, or cause to be read, from books, 616
papers, documents or any matter pertinent to the subject under 617
consideration for a period of five minutes without asking leave. 618
Additional time may be granted by a majority vote of the Senate. 619

Rule 73. (Statement of Question.) Any senator may call for 620
a statement of the pending question, whereupon the President 621

shall restate the same. 622

Rule 74. (Division of Question.) Any senator may call for a 623
division of the question; the decision of the President as to 624
its divisibility shall be subject to appeal as in questions of 625
order. 626

Rule 75. (Questions of Order Decided by.) All questions of 627
order shall be decided by the President without debate; such 628
decision shall be subject to appeal to the Senate by any three 629
senators, on which appeal no senator shall speak more than once, 630
unless by leave of the Senate; and the President may speak in 631
preference to the senators. 632

Rule 76. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any senator, 633
in speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of the 634
Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call the senator 635
to order; and the senator called to order shall take the 636
senator's seat until the question of order is decided. 637

Rule 77. (If Called to Order.) If the decision be in favor 638
of a senator called to order, the senator shall be at liberty to 639
proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be permitted to 640
proceed without further leave of the Senate. 641

Rule 78. (Personal Privilege.) A senator may file with the 642
Clerk a form requesting to rise and explain a matter personal to 643
the senator. Upon the request of the senator, the President may 644
instruct the Clerk to make note of the point of personal 645
privilege in the Journal. The Clerk shall prescribe a form for 646
the request that includes a space for the senator to indicate 647
whether the senator wishes the point of personal privilege to be 648
noted in the Journal. 649

MOTIONS 650

Rule 79. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) All amendments 651
must be in writing. 652

Any senator offering an amendment to any bill or resolution under consideration, or any amendment to such an amendment, shall submit it to the Clerk not less than ninety minutes before the scheduled beginning of the voting session at which the amendment is to be offered.

Ninety minutes before the scheduled beginning of a voting session, or promptly thereafter, the Clerk shall send a notice concerning the amendments that have been filed and will be offered for that session to the chief of staff and legal counsel for the majority and minority caucuses.

The amendment deadline does not apply to an amendment to a bill or resolution that a committee voted to report on the calendar day of the voting session for which the bill or resolution has been placed on the calendar or on the immediately preceding calendar day.

Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of their offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially. Unless objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members are supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor.

Rule 80. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise provided in Rule 85, motions shall take precedence in the following order:

1. To informally pass.
2. To adjourn.
3. To take a recess.
4. To lay on the table.
5. The previous question.

6. To proceed to the orders of the day.	683
7. To postpone to a time certain.	684
8. To commit.	685
9. To amend.	686
10. To postpone indefinitely.	687
11. To discharge a committee.	688
Rule 81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions shall be decided without debate:	689
1. To informally pass.	690
2. To adjourn.	691
3. To take a recess.	692
4. To lay on the table.	693
5. The previous question.	694
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	695
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	696
Rule 82. (Motions, Statement and Withdrawal.) When a motion is made the question shall be stated by the President; or, being in writing, it may be read to the Senate by the President or Clerk. After a motion is stated or read by the President, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Senate, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Senate, at any time before a decision or amendment.	697
PREVIOUS QUESTION	698
Rule 83. (Previous Question, How Put.) A motion for the previous question shall be entertained only upon the demand of three senators. The President shall put the question in this form: "The question is, 'Shall the debate now close?'" A	699
	700
	701
	702
	703
	704
	705
	706
	707
	708
	709

majority vote of the Senate shall be required to carry the 710
previous question, and until decided it shall preclude further 711
debate and all amendments and motions. 712

Rule 84. (Action after Previous Question.) After the demand 713
for the previous question has been sustained no call or motion 714
shall be in order, but the Senate shall be brought to an 715
immediate vote. 716

RECONSIDERATION 717

Rule 85. (Reconsideration, How and When.) A motion to 718
reconsider a vote may be made only by a senator who voted with 719
the prevailing side, and such motion, to be in order, must be 720
made within the next two legislative days of the Senate after 721
such vote is taken. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence 722
over all questions except a motion to adjourn, and may be called 723
up at any time in the appropriate order of business after 724
disposal of pending questions. 725

Rule 86. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote on 726
any question other than the previous question may be 727
reconsidered by a majority of those voting, a quorum being 728
present, except when a bill or resolution has been declared 729
lost, in which case the motion shall not prevail unless it 730
receives the number of affirmative votes which would be required 731
to pass such a bill or resolution. 732

Rule 87. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to 733
reconsider, having been decided, shall not again be entertained 734
unless the question has been changed in form by amendment. 735

Rule 88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) Consideration 736
of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a time certain or 737
left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider is not called 738
up within thirty days after it was made, the motion is deemed 739
lost. 740

Rule 89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 741
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 742
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 743
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule 85; such 744
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 745
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 746
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 747
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 748
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 749
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 750
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 751
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 752
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 753
possession of the Senate. 754

Rule 90. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When a 755
motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry 756
the bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider 757
be reconsidered. 758

POSTPONEMENT 759

Rule 91. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 760
certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 761
allowed at the same stage of the question. 762

Rule 92. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a bill or 763
resolution is indefinitely postponed or defeated, such bill or 764
resolution shall be declared lost in the Senate and it shall not 765
be reintroduced during either annual session of the same General 766
Assembly. 767

Rule 93. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or resolution 768
postponed to a time certain shall not be considered at an 769
earlier time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the 770
senators elected. 771

Rule 94. (To Informally Pass.) A motion to informally pass 772
a bill or resolution may be made at any time prior to the taking 773
of the roll call. 774

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 775

Rule 95. (Recess and Adjournment.) The interim between any 776
two voting or nonvoting sessions of the Senate on the same day 777
shall be termed a recess, and on the reassembling at the 778
appointed hour any question pending at the time of taking such 779
recess shall be resumed without a motion to that effect; and 780
unless the Senate shall otherwise order by resolution or motion, 781
the hour to which it shall adjourn shall be half past one p.m. 782
the succeeding day; and the hour to which it shall recess shall 783
be stated in the motion. 784

Rule 96. (Motion to Adjourn in Order, When.) A motion to 785
adjourn shall be in order at any time, except while a member is 786
addressing the Senate, or while a vote is being taken, but 787
cannot be made except by a senator who has been recognized by 788
the President, and being decided in the negative shall not again 789
be entertained until some motion, call, or order shall have been 790
acted upon. 791

Rule 97. (If under Consideration When Adjourned.) A bill or 792
resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken shall 793
be, when its order of business on the succeeding day is reached, 794
the first question before the Senate in that order of business, 795
except as otherwise provided by the Committee on Rules and 796
Reference. 797

OF THE RULES 798

Rule 98. (Rules Altered, How.) These rules shall not be 799
altered except after due notice of the intention of alteration; 800
and no rule shall be altered, except by a three-fifths vote of 801
the senators elected. Any of these rules may be suspended by a 802

three-fifths vote of the members elected, excepting rules which 803
specifically require otherwise. 804

Rule 99. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of 805
Legislative Procedure (2020 edition) shall be used by the Senate 806
as authority in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules 807
or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, 808
if any. 809

Rule 100. (Committee on Rules and Reference.) The standing 810
Committee on Rules and Reference shall have the power to 811
prescribe the order of business of the Senate and shall arrange 812
and post the calendar at least one calendar day in advance. 813
Measures expected to be reported by committee may be placed 814
conditionally on the calendar for consideration by the Senate in 815
the regular order of business, and may be carried over to a 816
succeeding legislative day, subject to favorable action by 817
committee. In a case of necessity, the Chairperson of the 818
Committee on Rules and Reference may call a special meeting upon 819
proper notice to add a bill to the calendar upon a majority 820
vote. One day's notice shall not be required for calendars 821
during the first week after an adjournment of more than five 822
calendar days. 823

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS 824

Rule 101. (Executive Appointments.) When executive 825
appointments are received by the Senate they shall, unless the 826
Senate otherwise orders, be referred to the Committee on Rules 827
and Reference. The Committee on Rules and Reference may refer 828
the appointments to another committee. 829

Rule 102. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and nays 830
shall be called upon advising and consenting to an executive 831
appointment. Failure of the question to receive the concurrence 832
of a majority of the senators elected constitutes refusal of the 833
Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. The Senate may 834

advise and consent to two or more appointments by a single roll 835
call vote. When a committee to which an appointment has been 836
referred recommends its rejection, or when a senator demands 837
that an appointment be separately considered, the question of 838
its approval shall not be included in a single roll call vote 839
affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas and nays shall 840
be separately called on the question of advising and consenting 841
to such an appointment. When two or more appointments are made 842
the subject of a single roll call vote, the failure of the 843
question to receive the concurrence of a majority of the 844
senators elected shall not constitute refusal to advise and 845
consent to the appointments, but in such case the yeas and nays 846
shall then be separately called on the question of advising and 847
consenting to each appointment. 848

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 849

Rule 103. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The Clerk 850
shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions 851
introduced in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, 852
showing the number, title, and author of each measure, the 853
section sought to be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the 854
subject or matter affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the 855
staff of the Ohio Government Telecommunications to produce a 856
video of all Senate voting sessions. Such video shall be 857
accessible as provided by law and the rules of the Ohio 858
Government Telecommunications Programming Committee. 859

Rule 104. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and receipt 860
of bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House and from 861
any branch of the executive or judicial department of the State, 862
and all other documents belonging to the Senate shall be under 863
the direction and control of the Clerk. All records kept by the 864
Clerk are governed by the records retention schedule adopted by 865
the Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate shall also be 866
under the direct supervision of the Clerk. 867

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution, 868
report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may 869
use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to 870
101.524 of the Revised Code. 871

When the Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall 872
be responsible for the preservation of order and decorum in the 873
Senate Chamber. 874

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 875
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 876

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 877
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 878
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 879
vacancy. 880

PRIVILEGES 881

Rule 105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 882
chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 883
otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 884
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 885
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 886

The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and 887
conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces 888
shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be 889
strictly enforced. 890

Rule 106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 891
use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting 892
of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business 893
shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 894
requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the 895
Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use and the 896
time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may 897
be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or 898

beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise 899
authorized by the Clerk. 900

Rule 107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 901
During a voting session of the Senate, no person shall be 902
admitted within the railing except members of the two houses, 903
their officers and employees in the performance of their duties, 904
or persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; 905
clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor of this or 906
any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 907
legislative information services who have been granted the 908
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 909
adjourned or in recess, only senators and their guests and 910
officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their 911
duties are permitted within the railing without the President's 912
permission. 913

No person shall be admitted in the Members' Lounge except 914
members of the Senate and officers or employees of the Senate in 915
the performance of their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall 916
strictly enforce this rule. 917

Rule 108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 918
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 919
brought into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of 920
the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix 921
any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to 922
the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate 923
Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 924
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 925

Rule 109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 926
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 927
be permitted during a voting session of the Senate and during 928
any meeting of a committee. 929

Rule 110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 930

distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 931
shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during a voting session 932
of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the Clerk. The 933
printed material shall bear the name of the person authorizing 934
its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce 935
this rule. 936

Rule 111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of a 937
mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 938
telecommunication device is prohibited during voting sessions of 939
the Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 940

Rule 112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) Representatives 941
of the press desiring the privileges of the press area of the 942
Senate floor shall make application to the President of the 943
Senate and shall state in writing for what paper or papers or 944
legislative information services, magazines, or their affiliates 945
they are employed; and shall further state that they are not 946
engaged in the prosecution of claims pending before the General 947
Assembly and will not become so engaged while allowed the 948
privileges of the floor; and that they are not in any sense the 949
agents or representatives of persons or corporations having 950
legislation before the General Assembly, and will not become 951
either while retaining their privileges. Visiting newspaper 952
writers and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges 953
herein mentioned, but they must conform to the restrictions 954
prescribed. 955

The application required by the above rule shall be 956
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 957
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 958
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 959
granted to representatives of the press association serving 960
newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 961
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 962
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 963

legislative information services of known standing and 964
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 965
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 966
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 967
or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 968
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 969
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 970
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 971
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 972
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 973
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 974
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 975
Rules and Reference. 976

Rule 113. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations 977
and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of 978
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring 979
the privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate 980
floor shall make application to the President, and shall state, 981
in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 982
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 983
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 984
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 985
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 986
are not in any sense, the agents or representatives of persons 987
or corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, 988
and will not become either while retaining their privileges. 989
Visiting correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, 990
the privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 991
restrictions prescribed. 992

The application required by the above rule shall be 993
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 994
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 995
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 996

Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 997
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 998
broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 999
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1000
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1001
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1002
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1003
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1004
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1005
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1006
floor. 1007

Rule 114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that 1008
any person has abused the privileges granted the person under 1009
Rule 112 or 113, such complaint shall be submitted to the 1010
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1011
such Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1012
and place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1013
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1014
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1015

Rule 115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, video 1016
taping, or audio taping during a voting or nonvoting session 1017
shall be done under the conditions designated by the President 1018
of the Senate. 1019

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1020
the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1021
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1022
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1023

Taping or filming of meetings of committees of the Senate 1024
is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 1025
committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 1026
specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 1027
filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 1028

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible with the prior consent of the Clerk.

Rule 116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested by any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and condolence to persons or organizations named in such request.

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate.

Rule 117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the Clerk.

Rule 118. (Application to ~~135th-136th~~ General Assembly.) The Rules of the Senate for the ~~134th-135th~~ General Assembly shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~135th-136th~~ General Assembly adopts Rules of the Senate for the ~~135th-136th~~ General Assembly.