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## **A RESOLUTION**

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## **RULE I – APPOINTMENT OF A SENATOR TO THE CHAIR**

1. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Senate shall choose a President Pro Tempore, who shall hold the office and execute the duties thereof during the pleasure of the Senate, which shall constitute until they are no longer a senator or until they are removed from the position by a two-thirds vote of the entire Senate.
2. In the conjoined absence of the President of the Senate and the President Pro Tempore, and pending the election of a new President Pro Tempore, the duties of the Chair shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Senate. Should the Secretary also be absent, said duties shall be performed by the most senior Senator, whose seniority is determined by the cumulative days served within the Senate since the date of their initial election.
3. The Senator performing the duties of the Chair in an interim capacity shall convene elections for any and all vacant leadership positions, save for the Office of the President of the Senate. Such elections shall be held no later than seven days following the resignation or removal that precipitated the vacancy.
4. The President Pro Tempore reserves the right to name, in open Senate—or, if absent, in writing—a Senator to perform the duties of the Chair. Such a substitution shall not, however, extend beyond an adjournment, unless otherwise sanctioned by the unanimous consent of the Senate. The Senator thus named shall possess the same right to name a successor to perform the duties of the Chair, under the same limitations.
5. Should the President of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore be present during a session, any Senator previously appointed to preside under the provisions of Article 4 may be divested of his duties. Upon a motion from any Senator, the Chair shall be immediately yielded to the President of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore, thereby concluding the temporary substitution.
6. The President Pro Tempore shall manage all legal matters involving the senate and shall be authorised to retain counsel for this purpose. He shall also be the chief representative of the senate.

## **RULE II – PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE**

1. The credentials of Senators-elect shall be presented to the President Pro-Tempore or the Secretary of the Senate or the Assistant Secretary. The Office of the Secretary and President Pro-Tempore shall be the designated recipient for all certificates of election issued by the Federal Elections Commission.
2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain a comprehensive and permanent record of the credentials of all Senators. For each Senator, an entry shall be made into the official Senate Ledger containing, at a minimum, the following particulars:
  - a. The full name of the person elected;
  - b. The date of said election;
  - c. The date upon which the certificate was issued; and,
  - d. The issuing authority, to wit, the Federal Elections Commission.
3. The Secretary of the Senate shall send copies of the following recommended forms to the President and the Federal Elections Commission wherein an election is about to take place, or an appointment is to be made so that they may use such forms if they see fit.

## **RULE III – OATHS**

1. The oath of office, as required by the Constitution and prescribed by law, shall be

administered to and subscribed by each Senator in roblox. No Senator shall be permitted to enter upon the duties of his Office until this constitutional prerequisite has been fulfilled.

2. The oath required by Article XXIII of the Constitution of the United States shall be;

*"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter."*

## **RULE IV – COMMENCEMENT OF SESSIONS**

1. Only upon announcement **#senate-announcements** channel of the United States Congress Discord and a 24-hour notice by the President of the Senate, the Pro-Tempore, or a Senator under Rule I shall a session be called.
2. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any item not currently on the agenda, except upon modification of the agenda by the unanimous consent of the Senators present.
3. At the direction of the President of the Senate or the President pro tempore, the Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall prepare the agenda for the session, incorporating input from the Majority Leader as needed.
4. No session shall begin without a quorum of at least 1/3rds of the senators elected being present.
5. Upon the conclusion of any vote, it shall be the immediate and ministerial duty of an authorized officer, to wit, the Secretary of the Senate, his Assistant, or the Presiding Officer of the session, to record and certify the result. This certification shall constitute a faithful and accurate transcription of the vote as taken. This duty is non-discretionary, and no authority is vested in the certifying officer to refuse, alter, or unduly delay the certification of a vote's accurate outcome. The vote so certified shall be entered into the official records and shall serve as the final and incontrovertible evidence of the Senate's decision.
6. Upon the establishment of a quorum, the Presiding Officer shall call the Senate to order and lead the chamber in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. Any Senator may seek recognition from the Chair to speak upon an item of business. Debate upon any single agenda item shall be limited to three minutes per Senator. The Chair shall not entertain a request for recognition while a vote is actively being conducted.
8. No session shall be considered finished until a motion to adjourn has passed or all items on the agenda have been voted on.

## **RULE V – SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

1. No motion to suspend, modify, or temporarily waive any rule of the Senate shall be in order unless notice thereof has been given in writing at least one day prior in the **#senate-submissions** channel of the United States Congress Discord. Such notice shall specify the rule, or part thereof, proposed for suspension and the precise purpose of said

suspension. Notwithstanding this requirement, any rule may be suspended for a specified purpose by the unanimous consent of the Senate, except where suspension is expressly prohibited.

2. The rules of the Senate shall continue from one Congress to the next Congress unless they are changed. Any proposal to amend the rules shall be done in writing in the **#senate-submissions** channel of the United States Congress Discord.
3. No amendment shall take effect unless done by a majority vote of the Senate-at-large.

## RULE VI – QUORUM

1. Quorum shall follow the requirement outlined under Article I, Section 5 of the United States Constitution.
2. No Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave. Leave may be granted by a motion, during session, by another Senator requesting to waive attendance.
3. Upon calling the Senate to order, the Presiding Officer shall first ascertain and formally declare to the chamber that a quorum is present before proceeding to any other business.
4. Should it be ascertained at any time that a quorum is not present, a majority of the Senators present may, by a non-debatable motion, direct the Sergeant at Arms to request or, if necessary, compel the attendance of absent Senators. Pending the execution of such an order and until a quorum is re-established, no debate shall be held and no motion shall be in order, with the sole exception of a motion to adjourn or a motion to recess pursuant to a previous order of the Senate.

## RULE VII – DISCORD & OUTSIDE SESSION BUSINESS

1. The President of the Senate or the Pro Tempore, unless a vote of the Senate-at-large prescribes otherwise, shall decide the official Discord of the United States Congress and all relevant business shall be put forth there.
2. The President of the Senate, the Pro Tempore, or any otherwise authorized member of the Senate, as prescribed in Rule I, shall lay before the Senate messages from the President, reports and communications from the heads of Departments, and other communications addressed to the Senate in the United States Congress Discord.

## RULE VIII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. If there are no communications being heard by the Senate, the Senate shall proceed to the consideration of the Calendar of Bills and Resolutions; and bills and resolutions that are not objected to shall be taken up in their order, and each Senator shall be entitled to speak once and for three minutes only upon any question; and an objection may be interposed at any stage of the proceedings, however, the senators may motion to continue considering a matter despite the objection, and this motion shall be put to a vote by the Senate-at-session.
  - a. All motions made during any session to proceed to the consideration of any matter shall be determined without debate.
2. Any bill or resolution presented during the session shall be referred by the Chair to the committee of jurisdiction; unless the Senate-at-session, by unanimous consent, moves for the consideration of such bill or resolution.
3. Bills or resolutions shall be read by title only, unless a Senator moves, and receives a second, for the bill or resolution to be in full; and no motion to vote shall be considered during the

reading of the bill unless, by a majority vote, the Senate disposes of the reading.

## **RULE IX – MESSAGES**

1. Messages from the President of the United States or from the House of Representatives may be received at any stage of proceedings, except while the Senate is voting or ascertaining the presence of a quorum or while a question of order or a motion to adjourn is pending.
2. Messages shall be sent to the House of Representatives by the Secretary, who shall previously certify the determination of the Senate upon all bills, joint resolutions, and other resolutions which may be communicated to the House, or in which its concurrence may be requested; and the Secretary shall also certify and deliver to the President of the United States all resolutions and other communications which may be directed to him by the Senate.

## **RULE X – VOTING PROCEDURE**

1. When the yeas and nays are ordered, the Presiding Officer shall put forth the voting terminal—GUI established by the nUSA Development Team; and each Senator shall, without debate, declare his assent or dissent to the question, unless excused by the Senate.
  - a. Voting shall not last less than 30 seconds.
    - i. This rule may, by the request of a Senator, and with unanimous consent, be suspended, but only for the session in which the request was made.
2. A Member, notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, may decline to vote, in committee or on the floor, on any matter when he believes that his voting on such a matter would be a conflict of interest.
3. No request by a Senator for unanimous consent of the Senate on the passage of any bill shall be in order and any request for the ayes and nays of the Senators for a bill shall be done by calling.
4. The President of the Senate, or the President Pro Tempore, may refer questions requiring a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to the Senate at-large on the United States Congress Discord.
  - a. The President of the Senate hereto shall put forth the question for consideration to the Senate-at-large on the United States Congress Discord
5. The Senate-at-session may, by majority vote, refer any question to the Senate-at-large on a forum. The Presiding Officer hereto shall put forth the question for consideration to the Senate-at-large on a forum.
6. Any items being voted on over Discord shall be open for 48 hours, or until a majority is reached.
  - a. This shall not apply to votes that require a 2/3 majority to pass.
  - b. This shall not apply to committees where, for the final approval or disapproval of any matter, voting shall instead last not less than 24 hours or until a majority is reached.

## **RULE XI – RECONSIDERATION**

1. When a question has been decided by the Senate, any Senator voting with the prevailing side or who has not voted may, on the same day or on either of the next two days of the actual session thereafter, move a reconsideration; and if the Senate shall refuse to reconsider such a motion entered, or if such a motion is withdrawn by leave of the Senate, or if upon reconsideration the Senate shall affirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order unless by unanimous consent. Every motion to reconsider shall be decided by a majority vote and may be laid on the table without affecting the question in reference to which the same is made, which shall be a final disposition of the motion.
2. Once a matter (bill, resolution, amendment, order, message) has been voted on and fully

sent to the House of Representatives, a motion to reconsider shall not be in order, unless a motion to recall the matter is made during a session. The motion to recall follows the same timeline precedent of two days.

## RULE XII – BILLS, JOINT RESOLUTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PREAMBLES THERETO

1. Whenever a bill or joint resolution shall be offered, its introduction shall be sent to the President of the Senate, the Pro Tempore, or the Secretary of the Senate.
2. Every bill and joint resolution shall be referred to its respective committee by the President of the Senate, the Pro Tempore, or the Secretary of the Senate or any, otherwise, authorized Senator by the President Pro Tempore. The President Pro Tempore shall also retain the right to refer any items to the senate floor directly.
3. Committees shall order the ayes and nays of its members on the question of whether to send the bill or joint resolution to the consideration of the full Senate. If the majority has reached in the affirmative then the President of the Senate, the Pro Tempore, the Secretary of the Senate or otherwise authorized Senator may report the bill or joint resolution out of committee. If the majority has reached the negative, then the bill or joint resolution shall not be reported out of committee.
4. The Senate-at-session may discharge any item from the consideration of any committee by a motion by a Senator, a second, and unanimous consent given.
5. Before the consideration of any bill or joint resolution, the bill or joint resolution shall be sent or read in its entirety to the Senate-at-session unless, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, it may be read by title only.
6. If there is any motion to amend the bill or joint resolution then it shall be deemed a privileged question, debate is allowed for the motion to amend, and shall not be disposed of until decided unless, otherwise, agreed by unanimous consent of the Senate-at-session.

## RULE XIII – DEBATE

1. When a Senator asks to speak at any time during the session, only speaking of the topic on the agenda, he shall rise and address the Presiding Officer (Mr./Madam President) and shall not proceed until he is recognized, and the Presiding Officer shall recognize the Senator who shall first address him. Once speaking, the Senator will not be forced to yield the floor unless his time expires; and
2. No Senator shall interrupt another Senator in debate without his consent, in which the Senator in question shall say “I yield my time to Senator \_.” or “I do not yield my time.” and to obtain such consent he shall first address the Presiding Officer, and no Senator, except the Majority and Minority Leaders, shall speak more than twice upon any one question in debate on the same legislative day without the approval of the Presiding Officer, which shall be determined without debate.
3. Senators speaking over others shall be warned and called to order and if deemed necessary removed from the floor procedures by the Presiding Officer or by a majority of the senators present for the rest of the legislative day by the Sergeant at Arms.
4. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.
5. Whenever confusion arises in the Chamber or demonstrations of approval or disapproval are indulged in, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to enforce order by any means on his own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator, nor any motions or votes. The Chair may address the Sergeant at Arms to keep order at any time, and no motion shall be made while this order is being executed.
6. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain

any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

## **RULE XIV – QUESTIONS OF ORDER**

1. A question of order may be raised at any stage of the proceedings, except when the Senate is voting or ascertaining the presence of a quorum, and, unless submitted to the Senate, shall be decided by the Presiding Officer without debate.
2. The Presiding Officer may submit any question of order to the Senate or the Secretary of the Senate.
3. Any subject may, by a vote of two-thirds of the Senate at-session, be made a special order of business for consideration and when the time so fixed for its consideration arrives the Presiding Officer shall lay it before the Senate, unless there be unfinished business.

## **RULE XV – PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS**

1. When a question is pending and not being voted on, no motion shall be received but:
  - a. To adjourn.
  - b. To take a recess.
  - c. To proceed to the consideration of executive business.
  - d. To postpone.
  - e. To vote.
  - f. To amend.
2. In order for a question to be on the motion, such question shall be directed to the Presiding Officer who shall, if no other proceeding is being dealt with, approve or deny of it for the time being. If approved, the Presiding Officer shall order for a roll call vote on the motion which, if passed, shall be enforced properly.

## **RULE XVI – PRIVILEGE ON THE FLOOR**

1. Other than the President of the Senate and Senators, no person shall be admitted to the floor of the Senate while in session, except as follows:
  - a. The President of the United States alone.
  - b. The Chief Justice of the United States alone.
  - c. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.
  - d. Ex-Senators and Senators elect.
  - e. The officers and employees of the Senate in the discharge of their official duties.
2. Access on the floor may be restricted or granted by the Presiding Officer or by a majority of the Senators present when a quorum is present, including to the persons mentioned above, with exception of the Sergeant at Arms, with unanimous consent. The Sergeant at Arms may not be removed from the floor or suspended during the legislative day, except if the President of the Senate or President Pro Tempore believe it to be necessary for the session.

## **RULE XVII – THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

1. The President Pro-Tempore may appoint a Secretary of the Senate who shall serve at the pleasure of the President Pro Tempore. The Secretary shall perform the duties herein stated in the Standing Rules of the Senate and shall only be removed by a majority vote of the Senate at large or by the President Pro Tempore. The Secretary may be suspended, and a temporary one shall be appointed, by the President Pro Tempore. The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for the upkeep and management of the Senate Records and Trello.
2. The Secretary of the Senate shall have the right, with consent from the President Pro

Tempore, to appoint a maximum of two Assistant Secretaries to the United States Senate, who shall be considered Senate Employees and be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

3. The Secretary of the Senate and President Pro Tempore have the sole discretion, except by a vote of two thirds of the Senate-at-large, to remove any Assistant Secretary of the Senate for whatever reason deemed fit; however, the Secretary shall not reappoint an Assistant Secretary previously removed by the Senate within the previous 30 days.
4. The President of the Senate, President Pro Tempore, Secretary of the Senate, or the Assistant Secretary, shall bear the solemn duty of witnessing the administration of the oath of office to any newly-elected Senator prior to that Senator assuming their official duties; and in circumstances where the Secretary cannot directly witness the act, they shall be responsible for obtaining and recording official confirmation that the oath has been administered in the manner prescribed in the Constitution.
5. The Secretary of the Senate, or the Assistant Secretary, or the President of the Senate, or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, shall, upon the election of any Senator create a card on the Senate Records Trello board with a format which must include the date of the election, the name of the Senator elected, a signature of the Secretary for certifying all the information as stated in Rule XVII(6), and upon the resignation, expulsion or otherwise removal of any Senator shall move this to the designated area.
6. The Secretary of the Senate or the Assistant Secretary or President Pro Tempore shall be responsible for keeping record and certifying the results of any vote held by the United States Senate, and only upon certification shall said vote be considered valid.
7. The Senate-at-large may nominate an Assistant Secretary to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Senate by a vote of two thirds of the Senate but may not extend this past adjournment except for the verification of that session's results.
8. To ensure the efficient administration and operation of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore shall be empowered to authorize the employment of staff; said staff shall serve at the pleasure of the President Pro Tempore, but their direct supervision and the assignment of their duties might be delegated the Secretary of the Senate or any other authorised individual, who shall act with the consent of, and in consultation with, the President Pro Tempore on all matters of hiring and dismissal.

## **RULE XVIII – THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SENATE LEADERSHIP**

1. The Sergeant at Arms is the principal keeper of order in the chamber of the Senate who shall not be a sitting Senator. The Sergeant at Arms may be ordered by the Chair or by a vote of two thirds of the Senate-at-session compel Senators to a quorum and remove unorderly people from the chamber.
2. The Sergeant at Arms may not be removed, expelled, or suspended during the legislative day (when congress is in session), including recess unless if Section 4 applies.
3. The Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore.
4. The Sergeant at Arms can be removed in session by the President Pro Tempore for not following the orders of the majority or the Chair.
5. The Sergeant at Arms can order and otherwise remove unorderly Senators not following procedure.
6. The Sergeant at Arms may, when so directed by the Chair or by a majority of the Senators duly sworn to represent, remove from the chamber any member whose conduct is disorderly or in violation of the rules; and may, with the unanimous consent of the Senate, or upon the direct order of the Chair, bar any entity or individual from entering upon the floor for such period as may be prescribed.
7. There shall exist the offices of Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader. The

Senate Majority Leader shall be elected by a simple majority of those Senators constituting the majority; the Senate Minority Leader shall be elected by a simple majority of those Senators constituting the minority. Such elections shall be held following each general election cycle, and whenever there shall occur a change in the composition of the majority or minority.

8. The Senate Majority and Minority Leaders shall be vested with authority to manage the affairs of their respective caucuses, including, but not limited to: the granting or withholding of permission for individuals to caucus with them; and acting as the principal spokesperson for their caucus. They shall likewise be entitled to appoint, from among the members of their respective caucuses, a Majority Whip and a Minority Whip.
9. A caucus, or party, shall be deemed to consist of no fewer than two Senators who have formally agreed to affiliate and caucus together. The caucus comprised of the greatest number of Senators shall constitute the majority caucus; all other caucuses, together with any Senator not affiliated with the majority caucus, including independents, shall collectively constitute the minority. In the event that two or more caucuses possess equal numbers, the caucus with which the Vice President of the United States is formally affiliated shall be deemed the majority caucus for the purposes of these Rules, until such time as the numerical disparity is resolved.

## **RULE XIX – COMMITTEES GENERALLY**

1. Each committee shall adopt rules (not inconsistent with the Rules of the Senate) governing the procedure of such committee. The rules of each committee shall be made and only authorized with the consent of the majority of its members.
2. The Chairmen shall be elected by the majority party. The ranking member shall be elected the minority party. Elections shall open after each election cycle and after a change in the composition of the majority/minority. No individual may have more than one of these positions.
3. No measure that is being considered by a committee shall be voted on by the Senate unless such committee has voted on, in the affirmative, of such measure. Or a vote to discharge has passed.
4. Every committee shall operate with a quorum of 51% of the total membership of the committee, and shall not conduct business without the presence of a quorum. No vote shall be concluded without at least 51% of committee members voting unless 24 hours have passed, in which case the vote shall be ended by the chair.
5. Any member of a committee may bring forward a vote of no confidence in their respective Chairman, and, upon a majority in the affirmative, elections will be to fill the role. The President Pro Tempore may perform the duties of Chairman at any time.
6. Advisors may only be appointed and removed from a committee by a majority vote of Committee members.
7. The Ranking Member shall act as the deputy of the Chairman, and in case of vacancy, shall be the acting chairman.
8. Unless otherwise stated, all committees shall be made of :
  - a. 2 senators appointed by the Senate Majority Leader.
  - b. 1 senator appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.
  - c. 1 senator, who shall be the Chairman, elected by the Senate Majority.
  - d. 1 senator, who shall be the Ranking Member, elected by the Senate Minority.
9. Members of each committee may be removed from their committee by their party's Majority or Minority Leader without cause or notice except if the individual is the chairman or the ranking member. However, no appointment or removal shall be valid until certified by either the Secretary of the Senate or President Pro tempore.

## **RULE XX – STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:
  - a. The Judiciary, Ethics, and Government Affairs shall have original jurisdiction over the investigation of ethics or rule violations of Senators and over all matters of the ethics and conduct of all civil officers, the relations between the Senate and the Executive Branch, all matters relating to the Department of Justice, and the Judicial branch. The committee shall receive all committee records and review any motion to amend the Standing Rules. Not limited to, which committee shall refer all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, and other matters relating to, the following subjects:
    - i. Administration of the Senate Chambers, including the assignment of office space. This does not extend to buildings in the main Washington, D.C. game.
    - ii. Congressional organization relative to rules and procedures, and Senate rules and regulations, including floor and gallery rules.
    - iii. Corrupt practices.
    - iv. Credentials and qualifications of members of the Senate, contested elections, and acceptance of incompatible offices.
    - v. Federal elections generally.
    - vi. Presidential succession.
    - vii. Misconduct of Senators.
    - viii. Mutiny and espionage.
    - ix. Civil liberties.
    - x. Constitutional amendments.
    - xi. Federal courts and judges
    - xii. Government information
    - xiii. Immigration and naturalization
    - xiv. Judicial proceedings, civil and criminal, generally (o) Measures relating to claims against the United States (p) National penitentiaries
    - xv. Revision and codification of the statutes of the United States
  - b. The Homeland Security and Intelligence Committee shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of the Senate relating to matters of homeland security, and the Intelligence Community and other relevant bodies. Not limited to, which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, and other matters relating to the following subjects:
    - i. Aeronautical and space activities peculiar to or primarily associated with the development of weapons systems or military operations.
    - ii. Common Defense.
    - iii. Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air Force, generally including all future additional Departments and Agencies of the United States Department of Defense.
    - iv. Military research and development.

- v. Pay, promotion, retirement, and other benefits and privileges of members of the Armed Forces.
- vi. Military weapons and base development.
- vii. The Department of Homeland Security.
- viii. The Intelligence Community.
- ix. The committee shall also study and review, on a comprehensive basis, matters relating to the common defense policy of the United States, and report thereon from time to time

## **RULE XXI – PROXY VOTING**

- 1. No proxy voting shall be allowed.

## **RULE XXII EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

- 1. The Senate-at-session shall not proceed to the consideration of executive business unless by motion or exclamation by the Chair.
- 2. When the President of the United States shall meet the Senate in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of Executive business, he shall have a seat on the right of the Presiding Officer. When the Senate shall be convened by the President of the United States to any other place, the Presiding Officer of the Senate and the Senators shall attend at the place appointed, with the necessary officers of the Senate.
- 3. When a treaty shall be laid before the Senate for ratification, it shall be reported to the committee. When a treaty is reported out of committee, with or without amendment, it shall be laid before the Senate-at-large on a forum by anyone authorized under Rule I. On such forum, the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators is required for the ratification of the treaty.
- 4. When a nomination shall be laid before the Senate for advice and consent, it shall be reported to the respective committee. When a nomination is reported out of committee, the nominee shall be considered by the Senate-at session unless the Senate-at-session, under Rule XXII, report it to the Senate-at-large. The final question is, "Will the Senate consent to A for B?".
- 5. When a nomination is confirmed or rejected, any Senator, on the same day, voting may move for a reconsideration, and have another Senator second such motion. At which the question shall be, "Will the Senate reconsider A for B?" and shall require two-thirds in concurrence. Such motion shall be done without debate and shall be deemed privileged. If the question is answered in the affirmative, then the Senate-at-session shall reconsider the nominee by using the final question.