

President and the Secretary, and the fact of such signing shall be noted in the Journal.

4.19—Whenever the Senator who introduced any bill or resolution is absent from the Chamber when such bill or resolution is reached in its regular order on any of its readings, such bill or resolution shall be passed and placed at the foot of the calendar, and shall not be taken up out of order or its place on the calendar changed against the order of progress, except by unanimous consent; and if such bill or resolution shall not be finally voted upon when for the third time it is reached in regular order, it shall be automatically tabled.

Absence of
introducer

Rule Five

VOTING

5.1—The President shall declare all votes; but, if any Senator rises to question a vote, then, upon a showing of hands by five (5) Senators, the President shall take the sense of the Senate by yeas and nays or electrical roll call. When taking the yeas and nays on any question, the electrical roll call system may be used, and when so used shall have the force and effect of a roll call taken as provided in these Rules. This system likewise may be used to determine the presence of a quorum. When the Senate is ready to vote upon a question requiring roll call, and the vote is by electrical roll call, the President shall state: "The Secretary will unlock the machine and Senators prepare to vote." When sufficient time has elapsed for each Senator to vote, the President shall say: "Have all voted?" And, after a short pause, shall state: "The Secretary shall now lock the machine and record the vote." When the vote is completely recorded, the President shall announce the result to the Senate; and the Secretary shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by these Rules. In all cases where the Senate shall be equally divided, the question shall be lost.

Taking the
yeas and nays

5.2—After the voting machine has been locked but

Change of
vote

prior to announcement of the result of a roll call, notice shall be taken in the Journal of the request of any Senator to (1) change his vote or (2) vote. After the vote has been announced, a Senator with unanimous consent may change his vote or vote on the measure except that no such change of vote or vote shall be valid where such vote would alter the final passage of the measure until the measure shall first have been recalled to the Senate for further consideration. Upon request of a Senator prior to consideration of other business, the President shall order a verification of a vote.

No Senator to
vote for another

5.3—No Senator shall vote for another Senator, nor shall any person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Senator who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished in such a manner as the Senate may deem proper. Any person not a Senator who shall vote wrongfully in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the Chamber for the remainder of the session, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

Pairing

5.4—Pairing shall be permitted only upon the absence of a Senator excused from attendance and shall, in writing, specifically state the bill or bills to which the pair applies.

Explanation
of vote

5.5—No Senator shall be permitted to explain his vote during a roll call but may reduce his explanation to writing; and upon filing with the Secretary, this explanation shall be spread upon the Journal.

Election by
ballot

5.6—In all cases of ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If, however, no one be elected on the first three (3) ballots, the names after the top two (2) in number of votes received on the third tally shall be dropped, and the Senate shall ballot on the two (2) names remaining.