

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.

Explanation of vote

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.

Election by ballot

## Rule Six

### MOTIONS AND THEIR PRECEDENCE

6.1—Every motion may be made orally. Upon request of the President, a Senator shall reduce his motion to writing. After a motion has been stated or read by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Senate, without a second, and shall be disposed of by vote of the Senate. The mover may withdraw a motion, except a motion to reconsider, as hereinafter provided, at any time before the same has been amended or before a vote thereon shall have been commenced.

Motions:  
How made;  
Withdrawn

6.2—When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion except:

Motions:  
Precedence

1. To adjourn at a time certain
2. To adjourn instanter
3. To take a recess
4. To proceed to the consideration of executive business
5. To reconsider
6. To limit debate

7. To postpone to a day certain
  8. To commit to the Committee of the Whole
  9. To commit to a standing committee
  10. To commit to a select committee
  11. To amend
  12. To postpone indefinitely,
- which several motions shall have precedence in the descending order given.

The President shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion be previous in nature.

6.3—Motions to adjourn, to recess or to proceed to the consideration of executive business shall be decided without debate by a majority vote of those present and voting. Only one substitute for a motion to adjourn shall be entertained. The substitute motion shall fix a different time for adjournment, and the same shall be put without debate, except that one (1) minute shall be allowed the mover of the substitute within which to explain his reasons therefor. The substitute motion having been lost, the question shall be put on the original motion which if lost shall preclude any further motion to adjourn until other business shall have intervened.

Motions which can be made but once

6.4—Any Senator may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to strike out, being lost shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

Division of question

6.5—When a question, including a question relating to the vote on a veto message, has been decided by the Senate, any Senator voting with the prevailing side, or when a question has been decided by voice vote, any Senator, on the same or the next legislative day on which the Senate meets, may move the reconsideration

Reconsideration; generally

thereof. Such motion may be made pending a motion to adjourn or if the time of adjournment has arrived. Consideration of a motion to reconsider shall be a special and continuing order of business for the legislative day succeeding that on which the motion was made and, unless considered on said day, shall be considered abandoned. If the Senate shall refuse to consider or, upon consideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except upon unanimous consent. During the last five (5) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and considered on the same day. When a majority of Senators present vote in the affirmative on any question but the proposition be lost because it is one in which the concurrence of more than a majority is necessary for adoption or passage, any Senator may move for reconsideration.

6.6—The motion to reconsider shall require for its  
Reconsideration: adoption the affirmative votes of a  
Vote required majority of the Senate present and vot-  
ing.

6.7—Debate shall be allowed on a motion to recon-  
Reconsideration: sider only when the question which it  
When debate is proposed to reconsider is debatable.  
allowed Where debate upon a motion to recon-  
sider is in order, no Senator shall speak thereon  
more than once nor for a period longer than five  
(5) minutes.

6.8—A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must  
Reconsideration: be disposed of during the course of the  
Collateral consideration of the main subject to  
matters which it is related, and such motion  
shall be out of order after the Senate  
has passed to other business.

6.9—The Secretary shall retain possession of all  
Reconsideration: general bills and joint resolutions for  
Secretary to the period after passage during which  
hold for period reconsideration may be moved, except  
that during the last five (5) calendar

days allowed under the Constitution for a regular session and during any extensions thereof, these shall be transmitted to the House forthwith. The adoption of any motion to waive the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present and immediately certify any bill or joint resolution to the House shall be construed as releasing the measure from the Secretary's possession for the period of reconsideration and shall, thereafter, preclude reconsideration.

6.10—Motions to indefinitely postpone shall not be applicable to collateral matters. The adoption of a motion to indefinitely postpone a measure shall dispose of it for the duration of the legislative session and all extensions thereof. Any motion to postpone consideration to a time beyond the last day allowed under the Constitution for the current legislative session shall be construed as a motion to indefinitely postpone.

Motion to  
indefinitely  
postpone

## Rule Seven

### AMENDMENTS

7.1—Amendments shall be filed with the Secretary on forms prescribed by him and supplied by the Sergeant at Arms but shall be considered only as sponsors gain recognition from the President to move their adoption, except that the chairman of the committee (or, in his absence, the vice chairman or any member thereof) reporting the measure under consideration shall have preference for the presentation of committee amendments. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the President and has moved its adoption. Amendments which have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate, the adoption of which has not been formally moved, shall not be deemed to be pending.

General form;  
Manner of  
consideration