

4.17—The order of disposition of any bill which has been read the second time shall be its reference to the engrossing clerk to be engrossed after all questions relative to it while on a second reading have been disposed of, and the same shall be immediately engrossed and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading to be taken up on some succeeding legislative day, unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present. No bill shall be committed to the engrossing clerk or placed on the calendar of bills on third reading unless all motions relative to it and placed, by the President, before the Senate have been disposed of. Amendments filed with the Secretary, the adoption of which have not been formally moved, shall not be construed to be pending so as to deter such advancement. A bill shall be available for its third reading when it has been read a second time on a previous day and no motion left pending. Bills calendared for second or third reading shall not be considered on such reading until reached on the calendar and appropriately read to the Senate pursuant to order of the President.

4.18—The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for the enrolling of all bills. After enrollment, all bills shall be signed by the President and the Secretary, and the fact of such signing shall be noted in the Journal.

RULE FIVE

VOTING

5.1—The President shall declare all votes, but, if five (5) Senators immediately question a vote by showing of hands, the President shall take the sense of the Senate by yeas and nays or electrical roll call. When taking 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.

5.2—After the result of the vote has been announced by the President, 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

RULE SIX

MOTIONS AND THEIR PRECEDENCE

6.1—Every motion may be made orally. Upon request of the President, a Senator shall reduce his