

RULE ELEVEN

CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES

11.1—It shall be the duty of the President, or the presiding officer for the time being, to interpret all rules. Motions for the previous question and to lay upon the table shall not be entertained.

Interpretation
of Rules

11.2—These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Senators present, which motion, when made, shall be decided without debate. A motion to waive a rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall be construed to be an amendment to these Rules and shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar except by unanimous consent of those present.

Waiver and
suspension
of Rules

11.3—All proposed actions touching the Rules and order of business in the Senate shall be first referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar, which shall report as soon as practicable thereafter. Consideration of such a report shall always be in order. The Committee on Rules and Calendar may originate reports and resolutions dealing with these Rules and the Order of Business, and such power shall be exclusive, provided, however, that any report made pursuant to this rule may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Changes
in Rules

11.4—Unless otherwise indicated by these Rules, all action by the Senate shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

Majority action

11.5—Whenever in these Rules reference is made to “two-thirds (2/3) of those present”, “two-thirds (2/3) vote”, “two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate”, “two-thirds (2/3) of those voting”, etc., these shall all be construed to mean two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate shall be required to consider additional proposed legislation in any extended session in accordance with article III, section 3, of the Constitution.

Uniform
construction

11.6—When used in these Rules, the following words shall, unless the text otherwise indicates, have the following respective meaning:

General

(a) The singular always includes the plural.
(b) The masculine always includes the feminine. Except

where specifically provided otherwise, where "bill" is used in these Rules, it shall be understood that bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, resolution, or memorial shall be meant.

RULE TWELVE
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, APPOINTMENTS,
SUSPENSIONS AND REMOVALS
PART ONE—EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

12.1—The business of the Senate shall be transacted
Executive session: openly and not in executive session except
authority under conditions pursuant to article III,
section 4(b) of the Constitution of Florida.

12.2—Pursuant to article III, section 4(b), of the Constitu-
Executive session: tion of Florida, the Senate may resolve it-
purpose self into executive session for the sole pur-
pose of considering appointment, removal,
or suspension during which no one shall be in attendance
except Senators and the Secretary of the Senate, who
shall be sworn not to disclose any executive business
without consent of the Senate.

12.3—When the Senate agrees, by a majority of Senators
Executive session: present, that specified appointments, re-
vote required movals, or suspensions shall be considered
in executive session, such shall be accord-
ingly calendared for formal consideration by the Senate.

12.4—All information and remarks including committee
Work product work product concerning the character
confidentiality and qualification, together with the vote on
each appointment, removal or suspension
considered in executive session shall be kept a secret except
so much thereof upon which the bans of secrecy shall have
been specifically lifted by the Senate while in executive
session.

12.5—A separate Journal shall be kept of executive pro-
Executive session: ceedings of the Senate and no information
Separate Journal regarding same shall be made public
except by order of the Senate or by order
of a court of competent jurisdiction.