

Vote—Cannot Construe Meaning:

The Presiding Officer, under the precedents of the Senate, has no authority to construe the meaning of a vote.⁴⁵

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See "Congressional Record," pp. 643-654.

PRIVATE BILLS

For amendments proposing funds for Private Claims to general appropriation bills, see "Appropriations," pp. 150-213.

Rule XIV, Paragraphs 9 and 10**[Reference to Court of Claims]**

9. Whenever a private bill, except a bill for a pension, is under consideration, it shall be in order to move the adoption of a resolution to refer the bill to the Chief Commissioner of the Court of Claims for a report in conformity with section 2509 of title 28, United States Code.

[Prohibition Against Introduction or Consideration]

10. No private bill or resolution (including so-called omnibus claims or pension bills), and no amendment to any bill or resolution, authorizing or directing (1) the payment of money for property damages, personal injuries, or death, for which a claim may be filed under chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, or for a pension (other than to carry out a provision of a law or treaty stipulation); (2) the construction of a bridge across a navigable stream; or (3) the correction of a military or naval record, shall be received or considered.

In 1922 the Chair ruled that a bill making direct appropriations for the payment of private claims, not being general appropriation bills, are not required to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, under Rule XVI,¹ but since that date the Senate has adopted a rule

⁴⁵ See Feb. 6, 1962, 87-2, *Record*, pp. 1789-90.

¹ June 30, 1922, 67-2, *Record*, pp. 9761-62.

giving the Appropriations Committee the jurisdiction over all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to "appropriations of the revenue for the support of the government."²

After the expiration of the Morning Hour and during debate, or consideration of the unfinished business, private bills may be introduced by delivering them in the absence of objection to the Presiding Officer's desk, and, with the approval of the Presiding Officer, shall be entered in the *Journal* and *Record* and appropriately referred.³

Pursuant to the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (now Rule XIV, paragraph 10) on February 5, 1947, the Chair in his ruling in effect held out of order the introduction of a private bill which would provide for the correction of military or naval records.⁴

PRIVILEGED BUSINESS

See also "Displacement of Pending or Unfinished Business," pp. 664-669; "Nonprivileged Business," pp. 953-954.

For various types of privileged business or privileged matters, *see* the following subjects:

- Adjournment Resolution.
- Amendments Between Houses.
- Campaign Expenditures.
- Censure Resolutions.
- Closed Sessions.
- Cloture Petitions.
- Committee Appointments.
- Communications to Congress.
- Concurrent Resolutions.
- Conference Reports, and Their Consideration.
- Congressional Record*, Correction of.
- Contempt Citations.
- Contested Election Cases or Reports (*see* "Credentials and Oath of Office").
- Correction of *Journal*.

² Rule XXV.

³ Rule VII, par. 6; July 25, 1914, 63-2, *Record*, pp. 12725-26; *see also* Jan. 19, 1938, 75-3, *Record*, p. 752; Dec. 6, 1927, 70-1, *Record*, p. 109.

⁴ Feb. 5 and 7, 1947, 80-1, *Record*, p. 905.