

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Continue in Office Until Replaced:

The officers of the Senate continue in their positions until their successors are appointed by the Senate, unless otherwise provided or specified.¹ In the revision of the rules in 1884, a proposal by the Committee on Rules as a standing rule for the election of the officers of the Senate was rejected;² it is now done by resolution.

Election of Officers:

A majority, and not a plurality, vote is required to elect a President pro tempore and other officers of the Senate.³

The Secretary of the Senate is not elected by ballot, but by a resolution or order of the Senate.⁴

Gratuity Payments Upon Death of Employees:

In the 83d Congress, First Session, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted a policy fixing a graduated scale of gratuity payments in connection with deaths of employees of the Senate.⁵

Oath of Officers:

Certain officers are not required to take the oath in the presence of the Senate.⁶

OFFICIAL REPORTERS—READ BACK TRANSCRIPT

Official reporters may be ordered to read back Senate proceedings in order to support the position of the Chair.¹

¹ Mar. 6, 1917, 65-Special Session, *Record*, pp. 3, 5; see Jan. 5, 1955, 84-1, *Record*, pp. 6-7. The Chaplain was not reelected but continued in office.

² Dec. 19, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 168.

³ See May 11, 1911, 62-1, *Journal*, p. 62, *Record*, pp. 1183, 1188.

⁴ Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 156.

⁵ Feb. 16, 1953, 83-1, *Record*, pp. 1077-78.

⁶ Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 156.

¹ Dec. 2, 1969, 91-1, *Record*, pp. 36442-43.

ONE DAY'S NOTICE FOR MODIFICATION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

See "Modification of Unanimous Consent Agreement," pp. 1354-1355.

ORDER OF THE SENATE

A unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote on the final passage of a bill on a specified day operates, under Rule XII, as an order of the Senate.¹

A unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote on a specified day upon a bill through the regular parliamentary stages to its final disposition operates as an order of the Senate.²

An order of the Senate (which results from the adoption of a resolution or the granting of a unanimous consent request) requiring Senators to vote from their desks, has the same force and effect as the provision of the Standing Rules of the Senate.³

It is not appropriate to adopt an order of the Senate to request a report by committee staff members.⁴

¹ Mar. 13, 1916, 64-1, *Record*, pp. 3992-93, 3998.

² Oct. 17, 1914, 63-2, *Journal*, p. 555, *Record*, p. 16794.

³ Feb 27, 1986, 99-2, *Record*, p. 3141.

⁴ Apr. 5, 1967, 90-1, *Record*, pp. 8385-86.