

A petition of a subject of Great Britain for authority to renew his application for a patent, having been presented to the Senate, was subsequently withdrawn as being in violation of the rule prohibiting the receipt of petitions of foreign subjects unless transmitted to the Senate by the President.³

A communication from a citizen or subject of a foreign power may be printed in the *Congressional Record* under a suspension of the rules.⁴

FORM OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CHANGED

See "Form of Bills and Resolutions Changed," pp. 233-234.

GALLERIES

Rule XIX, Paragraphs 6 and 7

[Chair Authorized To Keep Order in Galleries]

6. Whenever confusion arises in the Chamber or the galleries, or demonstrations of approval or disapproval are indulged in by the occupants of the galleries, it shall be the duty of the Chair to enforce order on his own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator.

[Persons in Gallery May Not Be Introduced to Senate]

7. No Senator shall introduce to or bring to the attention of the Senate during its sessions any occupant in the galleries of the Senate. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

Rule XXI

[Closed Session—Galleries Cleared]

1. On a motion made and seconded to close the doors of the Senate, on the discussion of any business which may, in the opinion of a Senator, require secrecy, the Presiding Officer shall direct the galleries to be cleared; and during the discussion of such motion the doors shall remain closed.

³ Jan. 13, 1886, 49-1, *Record*, p. 626.

⁴ Oct. 13, 1919, 66-1, *Record*, p. 6762.

2. When the Senate meets in closed session, any applicable provisions of rules XXIX and XXXI, including the confidentiality of information shall apply to any information and to the conduct of any debate transacted.

Rule XXXIII

[Committee on Rules Regulating Use of Senate Side of Capitol]

1. The Senate Chamber shall not be granted for any other purpose than for the use of the Senate; no smoking shall be permitted at any time on the floor of the Senate, or lighted cigars, cigarettes, or pipes be brought into the Chamber.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Rules and Administration to make all rules and regulations respecting such parts of the Capitol, its passages and galleries, including the restaurant and the Senate Office Buildings, as are or may be set apart for the use of the Senate and its officers, to be enforced under the direction of the Presiding Officer. The Committee shall make such regulations respecting the reporters' galleries of the Senate, together with the adjoining rooms and facilities, as will confine their occupancy and use to bona fide reporters of newspapers and periodicals, and of news or press associations for daily news dissemination through radio, television, wires, and cables, and similar media of transmission. These regulations shall so provide for the use of such space and facilities as fairly to distribute their use to all such media of news dissemination.

Decorum:

See "Decorum," pp. 798-799.

Galleries—Order in:

The rule with respect to debate was amended in 1914 by imposing upon the Presiding Officer on his own initiative, the duty of enforcing order in the Chamber and the galleries.¹

The Presiding Officer, under Rule XIX, is required to maintain order in the Senate, including the precluding of demonstrations of approval or disapproval in the galleries.² He is charged with the duty on his own initiative to enforce order in the Chamber and the galleries, and his

¹ Jan. 26, 1938, 75-3, *Record*, p. 1110; Nov. 26, 1913, 63-1, *Journal*, p. 236, *Record*, p. 6031; Dec. 5, 1913, 63-2, *Journal*, p. 13, *Record*, p. 240; Jan. 14, 1914, 63-2, *Journal*, p. 71, *Record*, p. 1633; see also Sept. 8, 1913, 63-1, *Record*, p. 4486; Oct. 13, 1972, 92-2, *Record*, p. 35916.

² June 30, 1970, 91-2, *Record*, p. 22251, Sept. 29, 1970, 91-2, *Record*, p. 34033; Dec. 9, 1970, 91-2, *Record*, p. 40664; Dec. 19, 1970, 91-2, *Record*, p. 42712.

authority extends to closing or clearing the galleries if necessary, and rightly so because while a quorum is in process, actions from the floor to close the galleries would not be in order since business or debate is not in order during a quorum call.³

In the face of repeated demonstrations in the galleries, the Chair first admonished the galleries to be in order, then directed the Sergeant at Arms to restore order therein, and finally ordered the entire Visitor's Gallery to be cleared. A quorum call ensued, during the course of which the Chair directed the Sergeant at Arms to reopen the galleries.⁴ On the following day, disturbances again occurred in the galleries, beginning during a rollcall vote, and the Chair once again ordered the galleries cleared.⁵ Shortly thereafter, at the suggestion of a Senator the Chair ordered the galleries reopened. In response to a further suggestion by that Senator that the galleries not be cleared entirely but that only individuals be removed, the Chair stated that it was within the Chair's discretion whether or not individuals should be removed from the galleries.⁶

Under the precedents, manifestations of approval or disapproval by occupants of the galleries are not in order.⁷

The Presiding Officer is charged with maintaining order in the galleries, to the extent of having persons removed therefrom⁸ which has been done on various occasions because of confusion and disorder.⁹

On occasions, certain occupants of the galleries have been escorted out by the doorkeepers,¹⁰ and in one instance, it was held that a motion to readmit those who were escorted out was not necessary since the Chair did not order the galleries cleared, but a motion to that effect was made and agreed to.¹¹

³ Oct. 4, 1988, 100-2, *Record*, p. S 14426; Apr. 2, 1987, 100-1, *Record*, p. S 4424; Apr. 26, 1971, 92-1, *Record*, pp. 11992-93, 11995, 11998-99; Sept. 11, 1967, 90-1 *Record*, p. 25004; May 16, 1972, 92-2, *Record*, p. 17581-82; Feb. 9, 1872, 42-2, *Record*, p. 919.

⁴ Nov. 20, 1989, 101-1, *Record*, pp. S 16271, 16282.

⁵ Nov. 21, 1989, 101-1, *Record*, pp. S 16494-95.

⁶ Nov. 21, 1989, 101-1, *Record*, p. S 16512.

⁷ Jan. 26, 1938, 75-3, *Record*, p. 1110; Jan. 3, 1947, 80-1, *Record*, p. 13.

⁸ Aug. 6, 1969, 91-1, *Record*, pp. 22498-99.

⁹ *Ibid.* Apr. 2, 1935, 74-1, *Journal*, p. 242, *Record*, pp. 4844, 4852.

¹⁰ Apr. 28, 1933, 73-1, *Record*, pp. 2525, 2527.

¹¹ *Ibid.*

Introduction of Guests:

In 1957, the Senate adopted an amendment to Senate Rule XIX to prohibit the introduction of, or reference to, any guests in the galleries, and provided that the rule might not be suspended even by unanimous consent.¹²

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

See also "Gentleman's Agreement To Postpone," p. 1000.

A so-called gentlemen's agreement concerning debate is not legally enforceable and has no parliamentary standing.¹

¹² Aug. 26, 1957, 85-1, *Journal*, pp. 526-27, *Record*, p. 15913; see Sept. 23, 1970, 91-2, *Record*, p. 33408; May 16, 1968, 90-2, *Record*, p. 13645.

¹ See Apr. 23, 1936, 74-2, *Journal*, p. 238; Nov. 20, 1942, 77-2, *Record*, pp. 9023-29.