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## GERMANENESS OF DEBATE

*See also* "Debate," pp. 732, 836-837, 984 and "Germaneness of Debate," pp. 289-295, 742-745.

### Rule XIX, Paragraph 1(b)

#### [Debate Each Day for Three Hours Must Be Germane]

At the conclusion of the morning hour at the beginning of a new legislative day or after the unfinished business or any pending business has first been laid before the Senate on any calendar day, and until after the duration of three hours of actual session after such business is laid down except as determined to the contrary by unanimous consent or on motion without debate, all debate shall be germane and confined to the specific question then pending before the Senate.<sup>1</sup>

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The Presiding Officer, on January 27, 1964, in response to a parliamentary inquiry, stated that while he would have the right to call a Senator to order, following the customary procedure under Rule XIX, a question of the germaneness of debate under that rule should arise by reason of a call for the regular order being made from the floor, and that the rule was not necessarily self-enforcing.<sup>2</sup>

On another occasion the Chair stated that "pending business," as used in the rule, means "any business which the Senate has proceeded to consider, either by motion or by unanimous consent, exclusive of morning hour business."<sup>3</sup>

Debate under this provision of the rule, as stated by the Chair, is not required to be germane beyond a 3-hour period each day, but Rule XIX as now written requires "three hours of actual session" and if the Senate should take a recess or recesses for periods during a said day before the expiration of the three hours the time consumed in recess would not be counted in the three hour

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<sup>1</sup> Originally adopted on Jan. 23, 1964.

<sup>2</sup> See Jan. 27, 1964, 88-2, *Record*, p. 1121.

<sup>3</sup> See Jan. 28, 1964, 88-2, *Record*, pp. 1267-68.

computation; <sup>4</sup> after the expiration of the 3-hour period any Senator, when recognized, may speak on any matter during the remainder of that calendar day. <sup>5</sup>

The Morning Hour terminates at the end of 2 hours after the meeting of the Senate following an adjournment. <sup>6</sup>

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## HEARINGS

See under "Budget Hearings," p. 156; "Hearings, Printing of," p. 402; "Hearings and Investigations," pp. 400-402; "Meetings of Committees," pp. 404-408; "Investigations and Inquiries," pp. 881-890.

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## HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

See "Hour of Daily Meetings," pp. 711-712.

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## HOUSE

For references to the House in Senate debate, see "House of Representatives, Reference in Debate to Representatives and the House Itself," pp. 745-748.

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## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

See "House Amendment to Senate Amendment to House Bill," pp. 138-139.

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<sup>4</sup> See Rule XIX, par. 1(b); Jan. 28, 1964, 88-2, *Record*, pp. 1312-13.

<sup>5</sup> See Jan. 30, 1964, 88-2, *Record*, pp. 1426, 1435.

<sup>6</sup> See Jan. 23, 1964, 88-2, *Record*, pp. 1109-10.