

RULE XL.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Estimates of appropriations and all other communications from the executive departments, intended for the consideration of any committees of the House, shall be addressed to the Speaker, and by him referred as provided by clause 2 of rule XXIV.

§ 936. Reception and reference of executive communications, including estimates.

This rule was adopted in 1867 and amended in 1880 (V, 6593). It was renumbered January 3, 1953, p. 24.

Formerly estimates of appropriations were transmitted through the Secretary of the Treasury (IV, 3573-3576, 4045), but under the Budget Act they are transmitted by the President.

RULE XLI.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

No person shall be an officer or employee of the House, or continue in its employment, who shall be an agent for the prosecution of any claim against the Government or be interested in such claim otherwise than as an original claimant or than in the proper discharge of official duties.

§ 937. Officers and employees not to be agents of claims.

This rule was adopted in 1842 (V, 7227). It was renumbered January 3, 1953, p. 24. It was amended by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 to include employees in the prohibition against prosecuting or having an interest in any claim against the government, to specify the inapplicability of that prohibition to the discharge of official duties, and to delete an obsolete reference to the Committee on House Administration (P.L. 101-194, Nov. 30, 1989).

Several provisions of the Federal criminal code also address the conduct of Members, officers, and employees with respect to claims against the government (18 U.S.C. 203-207, 216).