

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rule XLI.

§ 936-§ 937

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

The House may receive a message from the Senate when the Senate is not in session (VIII, 3338).

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).

RULE XLII.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Jefferson's Manual and the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House and joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

§ 938. Relations of Jefferson's Manual and Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to the rules of the House.

This rule was adopted in 1837 (V, 6757), and amended January 3, 1953, p. 24, when it was also renumbered. Joint rules have not been in force since the 43d Congress. Discussion of the importance of Jefferson's Manual as an authority in congressional procedure (VII, 1029, 1049; VIII, 2501, 2517, 2518, 3330).

RULE XLIII.

CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.

There is hereby established by and for the House of Representatives the following code of conduct, to be known as the "Code of Official Conduct":

1. A Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall conduct himself at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House of Representatives.

§ 939. Official conduct of Members, officers, or employees of the House.

2. A Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall adhere to the spirit and