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## RULE III

## USE OF THE SENATE CHAMBER

In order to secure and protect the Senate Chamber and its furniture and furnishings, the language contained in paragraph numbered one of rule XXXIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which reads "The Senate Chamber shall not be granted for any other purpose than for the use of the Senate," shall be interpreted to mean that when the Senate is not sitting in session or otherwise using the Chamber for some function of the Senate, no Senator shall seat any person or persons in chairs of Senators others than the chair assigned to him (other persons shall not seat anyone in a chair of a Senator); and lectures, talks, or speeches shall not be given at such times to groups on the floor by Senators or others except for the purpose of explaining the Chamber.

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## RULE IV

TAKING OF PICTURES PROHIBITED;<sup>1</sup> USE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN CHAMBER

- 123.1 1. The taking of pictures of any kind is prohibited in the Senate Chamber, the Senate Reading Rooms (Marble Room and Lobby), the Senate Cloakrooms, and the Private Dining Room of the Senate.
- 123.2 2. The Sergeant at Arms shall be authorized to admit into the Senate Chamber such mechanical equipment and/or devices which, in the judgment of the Sergeant at Arms, are necessary and proper in the conduct of official Senate business and which by their presence shall not in any way distract, interrupt, or inconvenience the business or Members of the Senate.

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## RULE V

## MESSENGERS ACTING AS ASSISTANT DOORKEEPERS

The messengers acting as Assistant Doorkeepers shall be assigned to their duties by the Sergeant at Arms.

<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 1 of rule IV has been temporarily suspended on numerous occasions for the taking of official photographs of the Senate in session, and on Dec. 19, 1974, for telecasting the inauguration of Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. Senate authorization for the telecasting of the New Hampshire contested senatorial election debate was not utilized.

## RULE VI

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## GALLERIES

The Sergeant at Arms shall keep the aisles of the galleries clear, and shall not allow admittance into the galleries of more than their seating capacity, nor shall he allow admittance of children under the age of six into the galleries. He shall not permit any person to enter a gallery with or carrying any firearms or dangerous weapons except for law enforcement and other personnel performing duties under the direction of the Senate, or any package, bundle, suitcase, briefcase, or camera; he shall not permit any person in any gallery to smoke, applaud, or commit any other type of demonstration either by sound or sign; except in the press, radio, television, and correspondents' galleries he shall not permit any person to read (except the Senate seating diagram) or to write or take notes (except bona fide employees of the Senate when sitting in the Staff Gallery and making notes in the course of their employment); he shall not permit any person to take any picture or photograph or to sketch or draw; he shall not permit any person to place any object whatsoever—including hats, coats, or other personal apparel—or portion of a person on any railing, or any male to wear a hat, except that where a man's religious beliefs require that he wear a head-cover in such public places as the Senate Gallery, then such head-cover shall be permitted;<sup>1</sup> and he shall not allow any person to lean forward over the railings or to place his or her hands thereon.

The galleries of the Senate shall be set apart and occupied as follows:

## PRESS GALLERY

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The gallery in the rear of the Vice President's chair shall be set apart for reporters of daily newspapers.

The administration of the Press Gallery shall be vested in a Standing Committee of Correspondents elected by accredited members of the gallery. The committee shall consist of five persons elected to serve for terms of two years: *Provided, however,* That at the election in January 1951, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for two years and the remaining two for one year. Thereafter, three members shall be elected in odd-

<sup>1</sup>Adopted Apr. 1, 1987.