122   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.

123   RULE IV

TAKING OF PICTURES PROHIBITED; [1] 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.

124   RULE V

MESSENGERS ACTING AS ASSISTANT DOORKEEPERS

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

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[1] 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.