

# **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

## **Rule VI, Paragraph 4**

### **[Sergeant at Arms Executes Senate Order To Get Absent Senators]**

Whenever upon such roll call it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, a majority of the Senators present may direct the Sergeant at Arms to request, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of the absent Senators, which order shall be determined without debate; and pending its execution, and until a quorum shall be present, no debate nor motion, except to adjourn, or to recess pursuant to a previous order entered by unanimous consent, shall be in order.

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### **Attendance of Senators, Requests or Compel:**

*See* "Attendance of Senators," pp. 214-224.

### **Authority To Take Recusant Witness Into Custody:**

*See also* "Privileged Business," pp. 1034-1037.

Resolutions authorizing the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, after a recusant witness was taken into custody, to release him upon the furnishing of bond is privileged in character; the consideration of such a resolution will not affect the status of the unfinished business.<sup>1</sup>

### **Decorum:**

*See* "Decorum," pp. 798-799.

### **Display of Charts:**

*See* "Senate Chamber," p. 1235.

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<sup>1</sup> *See* June 11, 1929, 71-1, *Journal*, p. 107, *Record*, pp. 2666-67.

**Galleries:**

See "Galleries," pp. 850-853.

**Report on Attendance on Quorum Proceedings:**

See "Attendance of Senators," pp. 214-224; "Quorum Being Present, Business Proceeds," pp. 1057-1058.

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**SESSIONS OF THE SENATE**

See "Brief Sessions of the Senate," p. 251; "Continuous Session," p. 692; "Daily Sessions," pp. 711-712; "Joint Sessions," p. 892.

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**SIGNING OF BILLS  
RECONSIDERED**

See "Postponed Indefinitely," p. 827; "Reconsideration of," pp. 828-829; "Usages of Concurrent Resolutions," pp. 446-448.

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**SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS**

See "Enrolled Bills and Joint Resolutions," pp. 823-831.

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**SMOKING IN CHAMBER**

The rules were amended in 1914 to prohibit smoking at any time on the floor of the Senate or the bringing of lighted cigars into the Chamber;<sup>1</sup> and the Standing Rules of the Senate expressly prohibit smoking in the Senate Chamber at any time.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rule XXXIII; Apr. 15, 1913, 63-1, *Journal*, p. 22; Mar. 2 and 9, 1914, 63-2, *Journal*, pp. 149, 193, *Record*, 4134, 4531-32.

<sup>2</sup> July 22, 1983, 98-1, *Record*, p. 20522.