The Senate, in 1919, acted unfavorably upon a petition of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety for the expulsion of Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin. William Blount of Tennessee was the first Senator to be expelled from the Senate, such action having been taken on July 8, 1797; during the Civil War period, a number of Senators, mostly Southern, were expelled, but the Senate has not seen fit to utilize that power since the Civil War. Various Senators have been censured. See “Censure,” pp. 270–273.

FEDERAL PAY INCREASES


FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

See also “Committee on Ethics,” pp. 339–358.

Financial disclosure is required by Members of the Senate, officers, candidates for the Senate, and employees of the Senate compensated at a rate equal to or greater than GS–16, as provided under Rule XXXIV, as follows:

Rule XXXIV, Paragraph 1

[Public Financial Disclosure]

1. For purposes of this rule, the provisions of title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 shall be deemed to be a rule of the Senate as it pertains to Members, officers, and employees of the Senate.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS


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3 Sen. William K. Sebastian was expelled on July 11, 1861 (see Record, 44-2, pp. 2192-2203), by a two-thirds vote. Sixteen years later the Senate reversed that action on Mar. 3, 1877.