

In 1923, for the occasion of the memorial exercises of a deceased Senator, the standing order prohibiting the bringing of flowers into the Senate Chamber was suspended.³

On September 13, 1983, unanimous consent was granted to waive the standing order which prohibited the bringing of flowers into the Senate Chamber.⁴

On April 19, 1990, unanimous consent was granted for flowers to be placed on the desk that had been occupied by Spark Matsunaga, the recently deceased Senator from Hawaii.⁵

FOOD IN SENATE CHAMBER

See "Milk While Speaking," p. 758.

FOREIGN MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

Rule VII, Paragraph 4

[Procedure on Handling Petitions and Memorials]

Petitions or memorials shall be referred, without debate, to the appropriate committee according to subject matter on the same basis as bills and resolutions, if signed by the petitioner or memorialist. A question of receiving or reference may be raised and determined without debate. But no petition or memorial or other paper signed by citizens or subjects of a foreign power shall be received, unless the same be transmitted to the Senate by the President.

The reception of a paper, petition, or memorial from a subject or citizen of a foreign power is in contravention of paragraph 4, Rule VII, and cannot be received unless transmitted to the Senate by the President of the United States,¹ but a Senator, in the course of an address may use the information contained therein in supporting an argument made by him.²

³ Jan. 19, 1923, 67-4, *Journal*, p. 99, *Record*, p. 2012.

⁴ Sept. 13, 1983, 98-1, *Record*, p. 23835.

⁵ Apr. 19, 1990, 101-2, *Record*, p. S 4462.

¹ Mar. 31, 1888, 50-1, *Record*, p. 2541; Mar. 10, 1926, 69-1, *Journal*, p. 219.

² Sept. 27, 1919, 66-1, *Record*, pp. 6017-18.

A petition of a subject of Great Britain for authority to renew his application for a patent, having been presented to the Senate, was subsequently withdrawn as being in violation of the rule prohibiting the receipt of petitions of foreign subjects unless transmitted to the Senate by the President.³

A communication from a citizen or subject of a foreign power may be printed in the *Congressional Record* under a suspension of the rules.⁴

FORM OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CHANGED

See "Form of Bills and Resolutions Changed," pp. 233-234.

GALLERIES

Rule XIX, Paragraphs 6 and 7

[Chair Authorized To Keep Order in Galleries]

6. Whenever confusion arises in the Chamber or the galleries, or demonstrations of approval or disapproval are indulged in by the occupants of the galleries, it shall be the duty of the Chair to enforce order on his own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator.

[Persons in Gallery May Not Be Introduced to Senate]

7. No Senator shall introduce to or bring to the attention of the Senate during its sessions any occupant in the galleries of the Senate. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

Rule XXI

[Closed Session—Galleries Cleared]

1. On a motion made and seconded to close the doors of the Senate, on the discussion of any business which may, in the opinion of a Senator, require secrecy, the Presiding Officer shall direct the galleries to be cleared; and during the discussion of such motion the doors shall remain closed.

³ Jan. 13, 1886, 49-1, *Record*, p. 626.
⁴ Oct. 13, 1919, 66-1, *Record*, p. 6762.